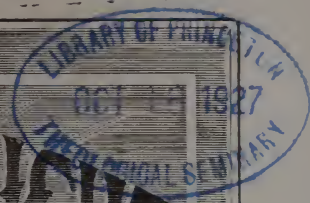
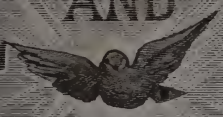


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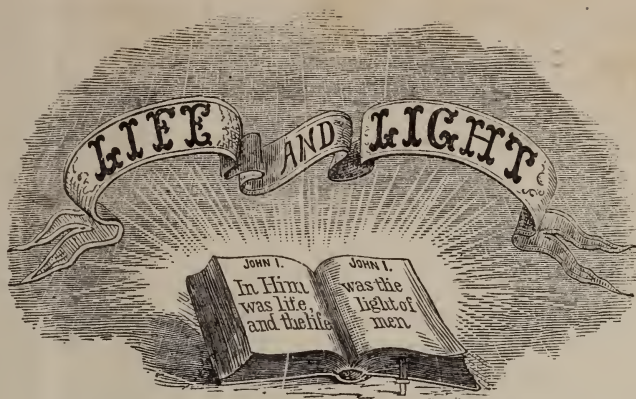
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### INDIA.

#### WOMAN'S WORK IN THE MADURA MISSION.

[From the Annual Report of the Mission.]

##### EDUCATION.

It cannot be said that the last five years have witnessed any striking change among the masses of the people. They are ready to hear the gospel, and listen especially to lyrical preaching, and they buy books to a greater extent than formerly. The total book sales for 1872 were 460 rupees; while for 1882 they were 1,532 rupees.

A great stimulus has been given to education. Comparing the same two periods again: in 1872 the total number of scholars in our schools was 2,178; in 1882 the total was 5,087, of whom 3,709 were from Hindu and Roman Catholic families. The year 1881 is especially noticeable as witnessing a clear gain of 1,000 pupils.

The people are everywhere seeking education, and urging the missionary to give it to them. "They believe that the only way to wealth and influence is through the schoolhouse; and although they are aware that the schoolhouse and the heathen temple cannot long stand side by side, yet they are willing to risk the temple and the idol for the sake of the school."

If the people are less inclined to worship idols, it is not because they are more inclined to Christianity. Education and civilization may have rendered the worship of stones ridiculous; but, as



Mrs. Capron remarks, "Much of idolatry is so interwoven with the social life of the people, and with their national customs, that it will not be easy to recognize the loosening hold." Mr. J. S. Chandler says, "It is largely a ceremonial, requiring outward conformity rather than inward belief; and, whatever they may think, they will practice idolatry so long as they are bound by caste ties and national prejudices." "I believe," writes another, "that idolatry would be very much weakened if the revenues of the temples were not secured to them by Government."

Spiritual truth dawns slowly on their minds; "indeed, spirituality is too high a word to use of any heathen I have ever seen. Many are moral men, some have theories of benevolence, but thoughts of food, and raiment, and chiefly of wealth, occupy their minds. An appreciation of spiritual things comes to them only through familiarity with certain formulas of the simplest truth. How crude their ideas are, is seen from their belief that sin is not a thing of the soul at all, nor of the mind, but, as it were, the wounds made upon the soul by its confinement in the body: the soul is to be made whole by being free from the constraint of the body; hence no need of a Redeemer."

Education, and the entrance of new ideas, have shaken the old faith, and skepticism is abroad. The orthodox Hindu still claims to believe in the ancient system, and will not let go the religion revered by his fathers, and dignified by tradition. He professes to believe in one God, and will accept our Christ if we will accept his Rama. He is trying to change front without losing his foothold. Higher education does not necessarily produce infidelity; yet in many cases it does, chiefly because it gives the power to examine the materialistic literature of England and America. A Christian education is needed to counteract this pernicious reading.

The report for 1856 speaks of two boarding-schools in operation; eleven years later, Mr. Herrick notes the fact that four new ones had been opened—in 1866. Now, there are thirteen such schools—seven for boys, having a membership of 243, and six for girls, having a membership of 195. All but twelve of these 438 children are from Christian families, and some 66 are children of mission helpers. These schools have a strong hold upon our community; the children remain in them from one to four years, and during this time are under the special care of the mission family residing at the station. They attend church regularly, are made to conform to a system of rules, and their welfare is sought in many ways. Mr. J. S. Chandler reports the encouraging fact that three-fourths of the boys, and nearly all the girls, are converted

during their school-life; and this fact holds good in most of the schools. The boarding-school bears an important relation to the general work of the station, both among Christians and heathen. It helps to create a desire for education, and is a source of influence second to no other.

"My chief comfort," remarks Mr. Jones, "lies in my boarding-school. It is the center of attraction in my station."

"My schools," writes Mr. J. S. Chandler, "give me authority and influence among the people. By them they are taught to be more faithful; and when they see the children hurrying back on the day they were told to come, they learn the nature of an agreement. A Roman Catholic family has been brought into the church through the influence of a boy who is in our school, and an unstable Christian woman is held to Christianity by the presence of her daughter in the girls' school." The influence of this work is seen, also, in the fact that many of our helpers begin their training in the boarding-school. In some stations more than half the pupils enter this service. As far as possible, the boys are taught habits of industry. This is especially true of the Tirumangalam school, where they are regularly employed in the care of their school-buildings, and in keeping the mission compound in good order.

Miss Rendall thus reports her school:—

"The Madura Girls' Boarding-School has enjoyed a good degree of prosperity. During the past year there has been quiet progress in many directions; six girls have joined the church, having given good evidence of a change of purpose and conduct. Nine of the girls who have left during the year, are now engaged in different parts of the district. We feel that this is an encouraging fact, and that thus the influence of the school is increasing.

"The results of the Government examinations have been very satisfactory, and indicate the interest of both teachers and pupils.

"Otis Hall, with its facilities for study, has spurred the scholars on to greater earnestness in application. We trust that each succeeding year may find the higher classes larger, and that thus the standard and efficiency of schoolmistresses may be raised."

#### HINDU GIRLS' SCHOOLS.

The condition of women in India, and the work done for them, are subjects constantly before the Christian public.

However much the Hindu may believe in education for himself, he does not consider it necessary for his wife and daughter. Although one of his revered poets was a woman, and although he is aware that women in other lands, whose civilization he enjoys, and whose power he admires, are educated, and hence influential,

yet he is doubtful. His fathers saw no necessity for this; and who could be wiser than they, especially if he be a Brahman! Caste prejudices, the condition of Eastern society, and the position of woman in it, are all against this innovation. There is a prevailing idea, also, that learning unfits a woman for that which they consider her duty, and cannot possibly do her any good.

Notwithstanding the aid generously offered by Government, and the labors of those interested in the work, indifference is the mildest term that can be used in regard to the attitude of the people toward female education.

While there are hundreds of heathen schools for boys in the district, scarcely any provision is made by the people themselves for the education of their daughters.

Hindu girls' schools were first opened in the mission about fifteen years ago; and at present there are 16 of them, in which 667 girls are instructed by 30 teachers, all of whom are Christians. These schools receive the special attention of the missionary lady resident at the station, and in some cases are kept on the mission compound.

The Bible is used as a text-book, and many of the girls attend a Sunday-school, also. In the Battalagundu station the Sunday attendance exceeds that of the week.

Mrs. Capron speaks as follows of her work in Madura:—

“I have supervision of four schools, with three masters and six schoolmistresses. The number of pupils during the year has been 345, and the year closes with 226 names on our rolls. It gives an idea of the trial we have in the changes that occur in our schools (mostly from removals), to notice that 69 girls from the classes studying for the three standards during the year, have left us; 113 girls were prepared for the result's grants examination in December.

“The master of the Southgate School furnishes the following illustration of the influence of the schools upon those who attend them: ‘There was a girl who had attended the school from its commencement, but whose irregularity had prevented any attainment in scholarship. Although shy, and of violent disposition, there were good traits in her character. She was fond of coming to the schoolmistress's house, and was observant of all that happened there. The forms of the religion in which she was brought up interested her, and she was inclined to ask many questions concerning them. Gradually her character changed, and all that was unlovely in it passed away as dew before the sun. When she could no longer attend school she gave much time to reading the life of Christ, as contained in the Gospels. Having married and removed to a distant village, it gives us the greatest pleasure to hear of her

being, as her husband told us, like a schoolmistress in her treatment of those about her, and in her delight in reading to them from the Testament, which she calls her treasure.' ”

Mrs. Chester writes of her schools as follows:—

“The three girls' schools in the town of Dindigul are still kept up, and are increasing in numbers and interest. The children of the Hindu girls' schools have made good progress in the usual lessons of the school, and show much more quickness and readiness in their studies than ever before. An old Brahman has set up a school, for Brahman girls only, at the end of the street on which our school is located; but as yet we have lost none from our school. When I asked some of them if they were going to attend it, all said “No!” in a most decided way. One dear child, whom I cannot help loving, said, as she ran her little hand over the sleeve of my dress, ‘There is no lady there, and no sewing.’ Oh, if the fathers and mothers of these dear children would only break away from their wretched heathenism! The children seem to be ready to love and serve the Saviour, who is ever ready to receive and bless the little ones.”

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## TURKEY.

### A DEVOTED LIFE.

[*Concluded.*]

KEIFI was often troubled, during these days, by certain inconsistencies he found in the Koran; *e. g.*, in giving portions of Scripture history,—of Moses or of Jesus, etc.,—it would point to the books of the Christians, in which these histories were to be found complete, while in other parts of the Koran it was denied that any such books still existed, authentic and uncorrupted. When Keifi was about twenty-four years of age he saw the binding of a Bible which had been introduced into his tribe by a colporteur from Persia. The chief men of the tribe had condemned and burned the Bible, but preserved its binding as a curiosity. When Keifi saw it, and heard that it belonged to the Christians' book, he was more anxious than ever to see one for himself. Soon after this he went to Mosul, and there found a Bible, and took it back with him. He read, but did not understand its meaning,—its spiritual sense,—and found little to relish in it. One thing which first attracted his attention favorably toward the book, was the account of King Solomon, so totally in contrast with the stories he had read in the Koran, where the most incredible tales were told of him. The Bible narrative struck him as sensible and genuine, and inspired him with a degree of respect for the book. About



two years later he went again to Mosul, and while teaching there, providentially fell in with good Deacon Micah, of the Protestant Church in that city. Keifi says if this good man had not been very patient with him in unfolding the mysteries of the Word, and instructing him in them, he should have relapsed into the old darkness. He was in Mosul, as a teacher in the Government High School, for two years or more, reading his Bible and introducing it to his Turkish friends, until they found that he was not only an inquirer, but a believer; and then they made Mosul too hot for him, and he was obliged to flee the city for his life. He went to Mardin, where he found our missionaries, who sent him, after some weeks, to Constantinople, with a letter of introduction to the missionaries there, as first stated.

I must not omit one interesting passage of Keifi Effendi's life in Mosul, and that was his real attachment to a Turkish girl there. It began through his acquaintance with her brother, after he himself was convinced of the truth of Christianity. He frequently visited this friend, to read and discuss the Bible, and the sister listened, at first behind a curtain, unobserved; but at length, as her interest in the truth deepened, she began to ask questions, and was finally permitted to be present at these interviews. The attachment was mutual, and the young girl would gladly have been a Christian with him; but the father, a strict, stern Moslem, would by no means give his consent to this. He was willing that Keifi should remain a Christian in conviction, but outwardly he must be a faithful Moslem. Even after Keifi went to Constantinople, the father wrote, urging him to return, and promising him a rich dowry of houses and lands (he was a man of wealth) if he would renounce his Christian profession, and marry his daughter. Keifi was sorely tempted—not by the dowry, but by his true love for the girl. About this time he had a singular dream. He thought he had a dreadful sore on his toe, and he was obliged to have it amputated, to save his life. On waking, he found himself deeply impressed with the idea that he must, in like manner, give up his early love, and save his Christian faith. The girl was soon after given in marriage to one of her father's faith. Who shall say that the seed sown in her heart may not yet spring up and bear fruit?

More than four years after Keifi Effendi reached Constantinople,—during the winter of 1877-'78,—it is estimated that 100,000 Turkish refugees sought shelter and protection within the walls of Constantinople. They fled before the advancing and victorious Russian troops—fearing still more, perhaps, the horde of Bulgarian followers intent on retaliation and plunder. During this winter-flight hundreds perished, from the old and feeble and the little



children,— victims to cold, hunger, and exhaustion. It was a pitiful sight to see them flock into the city, in utter wretchedness, some on wagons, on horses or donkeys; men and women carrying their aged parents or their little ones on their backs, boys and girls with swollen, bleeding feet, walking barefoot through the snow and mud. The winter was unusually severe, and many, having reached the “city of refuge,” succumbed within sight of food and shelter. Keifi Effendi found twenty-six of these poor creatures dead in the streets, one morning. Large mosques and mosque-yards were filled to overflowing, and so were other public buildings. Dungeon-like rooms under the mosques, and stables, were crowded with the poor things, who had not even a piece of matting to lie upon. They were sent into all the villages of the Bosphorus. The city was full of them. During all this time of suffering, our friend Keifi was most active in doing all he could, with purse and hand, to relieve the very destitute. One night he sheltered in his own rooms twenty-four of these pitiable objects, many of them extremely filthy, whom he had picked up in the streets. While thus engaged, a family from Loftcha (near Plevna), came to his notice, who were of the better class of Turks, and possessed of some wealth. The father had become separated from his family, who supposed he had been killed. He did, however, rejoin them after a time. The mother—as appeared months afterward—had succeeded in concealing and saving about \$9,000 in gold (fastened about her waist under her girdle). In this family was a beautiful daughter, about sixteen years of age, whose feelings of gratitude toward Keifi, as their deliverer in time of peril and distress, led her to respond to his love for her, developed after a brief acquaintance. He freely conversed with her about his Christian faith, and she gave her willing consent to marry him as a Christian. It afterward proved that the influences of her family were sufficiently strong against Christianity to lead Keifi Effendi, from that time forward, to assume a position of greater caution, and even timidity, in regard to any public acknowledgments of his Christian faith. They were married in March, 1878. Her name was Eminé Hanum. She is fair and lovely in person and face; and not only so, but her face is expressive of much character. When her husband first brought her to spend the day at our house, it was an occasion of considerable embarrassment to her, as it was her first visit at the house of a foreigner, and our ways were new and strange to her; but she demeaned herself with a gracefulness of manner which astonished us, and in conversation was modest and sensible. When we returned the visit, we found both herself and her house spotlessly neat. Her mother had evidently trained

her with care in housewifery. In this home four children were born to them, two of whom survive their father.

Keifi occasionally heard from his old mother. His brothers never forgave him for becoming a Christian, and vowed to kill him if he should ever dare to return to his tribe; but they could not quite refuse the old mother, when she begged one of them to write and see if her absent and erring son was yet alive.

Yet Keifi Effendi said that when a child, he never knew what it was to love either father or mother. When at our house, one night, he remarked that we had more family-love in one day, in our home, than they had in their whole life! His mother never ate with her husband and sons, nor did she even drink water before them; neither did his sisters, when they were large girls. In the frequent quarrels and small wars between the tribes, men would fall on either side; and Keifi Effendi used to wonder when it would be his father's turn to die in this way. His oldest brother sympathized in this feeling for their father, and once made a bed of pins in the place where his father was wont to lie down.

Ever since we have known Keifi Effendi, his heart has yearned over his people, and he has longed for their deliverance from darkness and superstition. He has anticipated the time when it would be possible for him to return to them, to again live among them, that he might teach and preach the true Way. When we look at the work he was to help us to do in the future for his people, his loss seems irreparable; and we are fain to say, "Take him for all in all, we ne'er shall look upon his like again."

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## TURKEY.

### LETTER FROM MISS M. L. PAGE.

SMYRNA, Sept. 1, 1883.

\* \* \* WE are out of the city just now, spending the summer at a little village by the sea, half an hour's distance from Smyrna by boat. It is cool and pleasant, and we enjoy the refreshing breezes and the sea-baths.

You know that our work is chiefly among the Armenians and Greeks; and when we do meet Turkish women, we are specially interested in them. One day last week, when we were sitting upstairs, sewing, we heard a great noise in the lower hall, and going down, found four or five Turkish women and children had walked in, finding the door open. They were of the very common class, and were dirty and untidy enough; yet they had flowers tucked in their hair and pinned on their dresses. They threw off their veils,—merely square pieces of muslin,—and sat down, one of them on a

chair, which seemed so uncomfortable to her that she soon slipped off, and curled herself up on a rug, after their custom. She then produced a box of cigarettes, passed them around, and they all made themselves at home, smoking. Their dresses were very picturesque; they are so fond of colors, that they put them on liberally. One of the children, a boy about four years old, seemed to possess the true spirit of a Turk. He walked up to one of the girls, who was enjoying herself in a rocking-chair, evidently with the desire of sitting there himself, and inviting her to get up by a smart blow on the shoulder. She got up without a word (she was twice his size), and stood meekly by, while he settled back, with an air of satisfaction.

The women gazed about, looked at us, chatted among themselves, asked questions of Mrs. Bowen, and when they had satisfied their curiosity, walked out, to take the boat back into town. One of their questions shows something of their hatred of the other races. They asked what nation we belonged to: they knew we were not Greeks, or Armenians. Mrs. Bowen explained that we were from America—we were all Americans. "Ah," the old woman said, "that is why you act like human beings!"

The day before, as it chanced, we went to call on the wife of Midhat Pasha, late Governor of Smyrna. She had come out from town to spend the day with one of our neighbors; and so we improved the opportunity to pay her a visit. She brought a train of servants; and as we went in, the chief eunuch stood at the door, like a sentinel. He had a very haughty, commanding air, and looked much more like the owner of all those women than a slave. Midhat Pasha was a very progressive Turk. He did much to improve the city—made new roads, and lighted the streets with gas: before that, people had to go about with lanterns. But the present Sultan feared he was in sympathy with his brother, who might some day be restored to the throne; and accusing him, justly or unjustly, of having important papers in his possession (which were never found), he summoned him to Constantinople, and sent him into exile.

Midhat Pasha had but two wives; and it was a long time, it is said, before he took a second. His sister finally made him a present of a valuable one, who had cost several hundred pounds! But it was the first, or principal one, that we went to see. She was a large, stout woman, with keen black eyes, a strong countenance full of intelligence, and a very dignified bearing. She looked every bit a royal person, as she stood to receive us. She wore a long pink dress, made something like a wrapper, with a dark velvet jacket outside. Her hair was short, partly covered by

a head-dress, or cap, which had narrow braids of finely-plated hair around it. We talked with her through our friends, who acted as interpreters. She was very anxious about her husband; said she had not heard from him for a long time, and did not know where he was.

In the midst of our conversation she suddenly got up and walked out, without apology or explanation. It was the hour for prayer; and, like a good Moslem, she had gone to say her prayers! She returned soon, and when we had taken leave, she, with her women, prepared to go out for a walk. Their outer garment is made like two skirts; one covers the dress, and the other is drawn over their head and shoulders. The veil is put on first. These garments are of the most striking colors, and often of silk or satin. Women of this class are not generally seen walking; they go out but seldom, and then they ride. This was a special occasion, and they went to look at the gardens of a wealthy Greek near by. The Arab slave marched at their head, and marshaled them like a general. It is said that they have to do pretty much as he says — that they often rule the household; and this one, in particular, they told us, was very cross and overbearing.

This wife of Midhat Pasha had none of the submissive look which so many of the Oriental women wear: she must have had unusual ability.

The present governor has held his office but a few months. His predecessor, who succeeded Midhat Pasha, was removed by the Sultan because he was not active enough in capturing the brigands. However that may be, a band of brigands has just come down from the mountains and given themselves up to this governor, who seems disposed to let them go at large as citizens. If he does so, they will probably prepare for a fresh campaign of brigandage.

Yesterday was the anniversary of the Sultan's accession to the power, and many places in the city were illuminated.

School begins soon, and we go back to town refreshed by our sojourn by the sea.

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#### THE REVIVAL IN KESSAB.

We are permitted by Miss Proctor to give our readers the following translation of a letter from one of the native teachers in Kessab:—

KALADOORAN (near KESSAB), June 23, 1833.

MY DEAR TEACHER, MISS PROCTOR,— The last word received from you was the welcome letter giving an account of your trip through Palestine. With my pupils, I traced your journey on the



map you secured for us, and thus we all became partakers of your pleasure. We are very grateful to you for the description.

I know you are waiting with great desire for tidings from Kessab. I cannot forget your last words — that although your eyes had not seen the fruit you desired, yet you should still wait and pray, and expect to hear of it. How rejoiced I am to be able to tell you that there is a great awakening here.

You and others have been for a long time sowing the seed in tears. Some, alas! have entered into rest without seeing the harvest. But, thanks be to God, although you are far away, we can yet cause you to hear the good tidings, and make your heart rejoice.

The awakening began in this wise: Pastor Giragos came from Killis, early in May, to be our pastor, and began at once to examine into the condition of the church and people, and to consider what could be done to bring about a better state of things. A little later, Pastor Sarkis, from Hadjin, came with his wife, to visit her relatives. The following Sunday, Pastor Giragos preached from "Now it is high time to awake out of sleep," and a very great impression was made upon the people. In the afternoon, Pastor Sarkis preached from "Who art thou, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain;" showing that this great mountain is the mountain of our sins, that ought to be put away. Many hearts were touched; and when the service was through, the people lingered to pray, and those who had been alienated from each other began to throw their arms around each others' necks, and to confess their faults, and ask forgiveness. Tears flowed from every eye. That week, meetings were appointed for every day — in the morning for children, at noon for the women and girls, and toward evening a general meeting. The young men also met during the day in different wards; and these meetings have been kept up till the present time, although this is one of the busiest seasons of the year — the silk harvest. We do not know what the end will be; but continue to pray for us, for we know when the church awakes, Satan also awakes, that he may set some snare for the feet of those who are beginning to walk in a new path.

Meetings were also appointed in the hamlets near by. That week, both the pastors and the teacher of the boys' school came to Kaladooran, and the people turned out well to the meetings. They then committed this meeting to Baron Sahak, who has just returned from Aintab College; but the men were so busy, the meeting has been given up.

I am trying to do what I can in my school. I call the children together half an hour earlier than usual, so as to have time for

religious instruction and prayer. They seem very much awakened. I wish you could listen to their prayers.

I have attended church at Kessab three times since the revival commenced. It is wonderful to see the change in the congregation. The church is filled with quiet, attentive listeners. Many Armenians are present; some stand at the windows, and listen. When the service is over, instead of rushing from the house, as formerly, they bow their heads for a moment or two of silent prayer, and then go away very quietly.

Last Sabbath, Pastor Giragos met the women who come from outside the village for a special service; and as Teacher Mennoosh is sick, he asked me to conduct the meeting for girls. I never before have attended such a prayer-meeting among the girls in Kessab. Prayer followed prayer without delay. All seemed to feel their need of the Spirit. At last one arose to her feet, and said: "I do remember my faults this day — how often we disobeyed our dear teacher, Miss Proctor, and grieved her by our light and trifling conduct in this meeting! What shall we do? If she were here, we would go and ask her forgiveness. Perhaps if a letter is written we can obtain her forgiveness — for I know she has a forgiving spirit. Girls, are you not all of the same mind with me about this?" Then she prayed, asking forgiveness of our heavenly Father.

My three children are well, and send *salams*. The little one can be comforted only by my telling her that you are coming. Would that you were here now! There is no one to work among the women in Kessab but Osanna (teacher of the girls' school). \* \* \*

I remain, your affectionate friend,

TIWIK TOROSYAN.

Those who have been helping us pray for Kessab, will be interested in this letter from our good teacher Tiwik. Let them continue their prayers, that Satan may obtain no advantage over these newly-awakened souls.

M. A. P.

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#### GLEANINGS FROM RECENT LETTERS.

The reports which come to us of the opening of the new term in our Constantinople Home are most encouraging. Dr. Wood, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, writes:—

You will be glad to hear that the Home school at the end of the first week had fifty-three boarders and thirty-eight day-scholars, with prospect of increase under both heads. This is considerably better than was feared. We sympathize deeply with Mrs. Williams in her enforced retirement, which we hope will not be long, and regard it as a great loss; but we may hope for results in every way satisfactory under the joint temporary principalship

of Miss Patrick and Miss Hamlin, with the support of the other ladies associated with them. We would renew an expression of our sense of obligation to Miss Lawrence, for her self-sacrifice and for the invaluable aid which she rendered in her so long stay to meet the wants of the institution, and of the great regret with which we have parted with her. Most heartily do we thank you for the reinforcement received from America and Aintab — Misses Melvin and Fensham from America, and Miss Childs from Aintab. The three ladies have entered upon their work; and we are more than pleased — we are delighted with the appearance of things at this beginning of the new term.

Miss Patrick also writes: —

We have been helped and prospered thus far beyond our expectations. The first day we had seven more boarders than the first day last year; and now all our seats but five in the large schoolroom are full, although all the scholars are not yet in. The girls are very glad to come back, and our school seems in every way pleasant. We want to thank you, with all our hearts, for the teachers you have sent us so promptly. I cannot tell you how strong it makes us feel to have such a reinforcement, and how glad we are to welcome them. They are so well fitted to begin their work immediately in the school, that we feel we have been very much blessed. They arrived Saturday morning, and one look in their faces assured us we should be a happy family together. The next day they began their share of the Sunday work, Miss Melvin taking charge of a prayer-meeting, and Miss Fensham a Bible class; and on Monday they began their classes in school. We do not intend to allow them to work too hard this first year, while they need to be studying. I know you will be glad that Miss Childs, from Aintab, is here to help us for one year, so that our new teachers can give more time to the study of the language.

We have six seniors this year, all boarders; three of them are Armenians. We have also sixteen Bulgarian girls, and others are expected. We feel that the prayers of those who love this school, and often remember us at the throne of grace, are being answered. We need prayer this year: we feel that our only strength is in God, and we take courage as we remember the Christian friends who pray for us.

Miss Stone, who, it will be remembered, left America in May last to return to Bulgaria, writes: —

Since reaching Samokov, June 25th, it has been my fortune to attend the three days' examination of the girls' boarding-school — and proud I was of it; also the four days' examination of the Collegiate and Theological Institute — and they never passed a finer

one. The music in both schools, under the supervision of Rev. W. W. Sleeper, was a delightful feature. The next week Miss Graves and I made a tour to Panaghourishti, and were present at the examination of candidates, and the organization of a church of twelve members. We had some most delightful experiences among the spiritually minded Christian women of that village. The work there is heart-satisfying, in its depth and life. On Friday, July 27th, in company with Dr. Kingsbury and several Bulgarians, we left for a tour in Macedonia, extending our journey from Bansko and five surrounding villages, to Nevrokope, where the work of evangelization is but just begun, but is encouraging from the start. Young men, especially, are inquiring. We reached home Aug. 10th, safely brought, although the return had been exceptionally difficult, in consequence of the embarrassment of coming upon an unexpected quarantine in a mountain gorge, when we were but six hours distant from home. This compelled us, though almost exhausted, to turn back over a trackless mountain, and to spend the night beneath the open heavens, while our guards tended the fire, which they had made quite as much for protection against bears, as to warm our wet and chilled selves. But early in the afternoon of the next day we could gladly say, "All's well!" "Home at last!" On Wednesday, Aug. 15th, I accompanied Mr. Marsh and his family to Philippopolis, and during the ten days which preceded their departure for America, became settled in my new home in their house.

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## Young People's Department.

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### BETROTHALS IN CHINA.

BY MISS E. B. PEARSON.



S in the days of Noe men were married and given in marriage," comes to me as I attempt to write of betrothals here in China. Did the parents of those ancient days bargain and arrange for the future husbands and wives of their helpless children, as the Chinese parents do now, and have for past ages, done for their children? These parents and grandparents feel it to be one of the most important things that they can do for their children; so a middle man or woman is called, and the destiny of son or daughter is committed to him or her. The desired



party is soon found who is ready to exchange papers of betrothal for son or daughter. The days of early girlhood are usually permitted to be spent in her own home; but long before we should think a young maiden fit to be transported to her husband's home, she is sent for and henceforth she becomes the attendant, and almost slave, of her husband and dreaded mother-in-law.

As young girls come under our notice here in the schools and in visiting families, we are constantly longing to lift them up, and to teach them how they can fit themselves to become companions of their husbands.

One young girl of eighteen years, whom I brought from the village of Tang Feng, our county station, more than two years ago, is still with us. She is studying, and making good use of her time and opportunity thus fitting to become the wife and companion of one of our young men now at Tung-cho school, who gives promise of becoming a most valuable helper. She has had experiences which are rare in this land, and for this reason I've thought to make them known.

She belongs to a proud-spirited family, who have some land and houses of their own. Her parents and grandparents and uncle have been Christians for ten years, and the uncle was with us as helper during most of that time. As she was eager for an education, and the family consented, we were glad to bring her to our court, and to give her all possible help. Fortunately she had never been betrothed in childhood, and during her life here, she has imbibed the impression that connections for life should be prompted by sincere love and respect between the two parties concerned, and not bargained for by friends and go-betweens. Nearly two years ago, while we were yet unaware how deeply this thought had taken possession of her, the subject was broached of her being betrothed to a young man who is in our service, and who is very desirous of having a Christian wife. He is second cousin to the girl, and they have lived near each other from childhood. This relationship seemed to be no obstacle, and from the scarcity of Christian young women, the proposal was made to her friends that such an engagement was desired by the young man. The approval of the family was easily obtained, for they liked the young suitor. But as we missionaries had been consulted, we suggested that the young woman should have the opportunity of giving her own decision on the subject that so intimately concerned her. Therefore her mother took the matter to her, and told her that it should be as she wished. Soon after, the mother came to me, saying, in tones of surprise: "My daughter says she will not be betrothed to him. She likes him as a cousin and

friend, but could not love him as a husband; besides, she prefers not to marry a relative. She is very decided in this opinion, and it's no use to go further with it."

It was my turn to be surprised, for I had not thought of such a sudden turning of the question. I said to the mother: "Well, if this is really her wish, it would be unjust to her to take any steps toward urging the betrothal, and it might better be dropped. You have acted the part of a Christian mother, and set a good example to others. With the love of God in your heart, you would not wish her to be unhappy all her life, surely." To which she freely assented, and left me.

Directly, the young girl herself came in, her face showing more resolution of character than it ever had before. Then she looked me straight in the face, and said: "God is very good to me, I think: I am more favored than other Chinese girls, because my parents have given me the privilege of deciding this most important matter myself. Many girls are compelled to marry those who lead them wretched lives, from which there is no escape. I don't want to marry this man, though I like him as a cousin."

Then, to test her, I said: "You know that Christian young men in China are few, and if you refuse this opportunity it may be long before you will have another so good; so consider it well before deciding."

But her reply had the noble ring in it: "I'm in no hurry, and can wait; and if I never marry, I can serve the Lord in some way."

Thus the subject ended. This young woman was indeed favored beyond her companions, and her noble heart knew it; and I felt sure that the Lord would give her his blessing in the future. She returned to Paotingfu, to continue her studies.

But last summer, a year after the preceding experiences, another helper's son, a most promising young man, came home from the Tung-cho School, to spend his vacation. The subject of his betrothal came up. His father wished him to have a Christian wife, and he desired it, too. What more appropriate conclusion than that these two young people should be united? But how bring it about and still have them transact their own business? Alas! alas! The parents, relatives, and go-betweens have for so many ages managed these matters for the young people, that it is not easy to depart from the custom. The young man's father has a high opinion of our pupil, and was only too glad to have steps taken for securing her as his daughter-in-law. He sought advice of his pastor in the matter; and the pastor, having clearly understood the father's wish, advised him to give his son an opportunity to speak for himself. The father wondered how it could be done.

But the pastor said: "He has a tongue, and he can find a way. Trust him for that." Before the sun had set, that summer day, the young man had found a way, and had met with a hearty response from the maiden whose hand he sought. And, indeed, so ready was the response, and so happy was the young woman afterward, that it was very patent to us that she had been waiting for this very young man. The matter, however, is not wholly settled yet; but the girl's father tells her that it shall be kept open, and no other engagement made, till she is of age, and that then it shall be just as she herself may desire. This is well, as she is not yet nineteen, and wants to study longer, and fit herself for usefulness. The young man has still two years of study to complete his course in Tung-cho before he will be ready to take up the duties of native helper or pastor.

The parents of these two were the very first people in this region to accept and follow the teachings of the Bible; and in imagination we see our young friends making for themselves a happy Christian home, mutually helping and encouraging each other, and recommending the religion of Jesus.

The foregoing is bright and hopeful. But I have another story to tell, and this, about the unsuccessful suitor. He was much cast down at the failure of his efforts, not knowing whither to turn for a Christian wife, and fearing lest his heathen father should betroth him to a heathen girl. He is a good boy, and has been a Christian three or four years, and wants to break away from heathen customs, and to have his parents do so. But alas for the bondage that gives him no voice in the matter of his own betrothal, unless by special favor! Up to that time his parents had, for some reason, postponed his betrothal, and were willing that his Christian friends should take steps in the matter. At the failure of this attempt, he had begged his parents not to betroth him to anyone without his consent. This they promised; but the promise was broken not many months after, and word came to the young man that his father had passed betrothal-papers for him, because he could not withstand the ridicule of his neighbors, and there was no help for it! The girl was of suitable age, and from a well-to-do family, and that was enough. But it meant for the young man, union for life with some one of whom he knew nothing, and who had no interest in the Truth which he had come to love. His parents had been false to him; his hopes were blighted; and sorry, indeed, was his prospect. He resolved to go home, and see if he could bring about a release. He went, and with tears told his parents what it all meant to him, and begged that he might be freed from the betrothal. Their hearts

were touched, for they were very fond of their boy, and said that they regretted their course, and he might try to get a release. Gaining this consent he went to the go-betweens, and tried, by offering money and pleading his cause, to accomplish his object. But it was too late; they would do nothing about it. So he was obliged to give up the effort, and return to his work with the heavy load on his heart. After awhile he came to feel that the Lord had allowed it, and that it must be intended for his good. There may be some escape before the time of marriage; but if not, he is resolved to make the best of it. Perhaps the heathen betrothed may be won to accept the Truth herself. We can only urge him to commit all to the Father, who knoweth best, and trust his all in his hands.

To us who have come from a land where sweet hopes are realized, where happy homes are established from cot to mansion, where pure love governs the household, this injustice to the sons and daughters, prompted by lack of true love and real interest in their welfare, constantly calls forth our indignation and pity. And it can but make us love our own Christian land more and more, and admire the laws and customs under which its people dwell. May that blessed day soon come when the people of China shall be released from the bondage of heathenism, and when all shall rejoice in the glorious liberty of the children of God!

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## Our Work at Home.

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### WHY WE SHOULD KEEP UP OUR AUXILIARIES.

BY MRS. M. N. BLAKESLEE.

(Read at a Meeting of the Franklin County Branch.)

“HONESTLY, now, I do not see any use in it. I have so much to do at home, that I don't know how to spare the time to go; and if I do, it isn't interesting enough to pay. Somebody makes about the same prayer; and somebody else reads about the same letter from some missionary lady; and some other body reads a paper about some old mission I never heard of, or some new one I never shall hear of again. Then they pass the box, and get a few pitiful pennies. Do you suppose that the getting together of half-a-dozen women like us, a few times a year, is going to do any thing for those millions of heathen women away off there? If we could send money enough to amount to something, I should have more courage about it; but it is like dipping up the Atlantic by the spoonful.”



I do not doubt we have thought these things, if we have not said them "out loud," when the time for the little auxiliary meetings has come round. The work is so large, and we are so few! The meetings lack the impetus which comes from numbers. Why should we — scattered up and down these hills and valleys, where we must trudge through the winter's snow, or the summer's dust and heat, or the springtime's mud — try to do anything in this work? Why not leave it to those women who have servants to do their work at home, and enough to spare for the missionaries after all their own wants are supplied?

But let us look at it for a few minutes, and see if we cannot find some good reasons why the work needs just us, and perhaps we shall then see that we need the work.

Two great evils of the social life of small country towns and villages, are narrowness and reticence, especially among the women. Many of them are shut up to a narrow circle of acquaintances whose lives run round and round in the same treadmill as their own; kitchen, dairy, and nursery—nursery, dairy, and kitchen. Now, do not misunderstand me, that I would for an instant say that these things are ignoble. There is no work so noble and true for a woman as her own womanly work—the care of her household, the ruling of her "woman's kingdom." Here she ought to be a very queen—gracious, loving, beneficent. She ought to so dignify the meanest details of her household economy by her own noble character, that they cannot seem poor and petty. But, nevertheless, the cares of housekeeping are engrossing; they will take and keep the best time and strength of our lives, if we will let them. The physical needs of little children are imperative, and never-ending. The more conscientious and thrifty a woman is, the more danger that these things will swallow her up, body and soul.

Now, if some other interest can come in to take her thoughts away, for a little while, from the everlasting round of breakfast, dinner, and supper, and give her something else to talk about with her friends, besides recipes for something to eat, and patterns for something to wear, it will be a refreshment and an education both in one.

This missionary work may be such an interest. If she will think about it, and snatch hurried, precious minutes to read about it, she will broaden her horizon; she will have something better to care for than the narrow gossip of the village street. The whole world will lie open before her. She can look past the waving elms in the door-yard, and see in imagination the broad-leaved palms of India. She can look out over the mowing-lots, and see the dusky women and children crowding down on the white coral beaches of the South Sea Islands, to watch the "Morning Star"

come sailing in. When she looks out on the village street, which sometimes she almost hates for its monotony and stagnation, she can contrast its peace and cleanliness with the indescribable sights and smells of a Chinese town, and be thankful that she lives in the one, and not in the other. When her own work presses heavily upon her, and she is weary and discouraged because the house will not keep clean, or "the sewing is behindhand," she can think of the dirty kraals of South Africa, where women and children huddle together like cattle, and be grateful that she has windows to clean, and clothes to make and wear. When petty economies rasp her, and she irons out the old bonnet-strings, or patches Charlie's jacket, with a sigh, she can think of the beautifully-clad creatures of the zenanas shut up to a life of inanition, jewelry, and sweetmeats, and be thankful for her own liberty, even with its plain clothes and few pleasures. If she goes to the meetings with such thoughts, she cannot fail to find them interesting. "Charity begins at home," we say; and though we usually make that an excuse for *not* going to a foreign missionary meeting, yet it may be one of the best reasons why we should go.

Another evil of our New England village life is its reticence. We don't let our friends and neighbors see our best selves. We are so afraid we shall get snubbed, or be called enthusiastic or gushing, that we go on locking up within ourselves kindly impulses, and generous deeds, and loving words; all the while we are longing to break away from our commonplace lives into something broader, and more beautiful. Village and church life languishes. There is nobody "to go ahead and do things;" yet in every community there are capable women and bright girls enough to lift it out of its meagerness, and dullness, if they only dared use the talents they have. We might say something about the meanness of the petty jealousies that are one cause of this reticence; but this is not the place for that. I do not suppose that our missionary meetings or any other one thing will ever overcome this inbred New England characteristic, but they may help. We can come out of ourselves about missionary matters, when we might not in something nearer home. Keep up your auxiliary meetings, then; bring the best you have there; act out your impulses. Do not sit in a dumb and dreadful silence because you do not dare to ask a question, or tell a bit of missionary news. Never mind if Mrs. Grundy does say, "You like the sound of your own voice mighty well!" Mrs. Grundy can always find some mean thing to say about anybody who tries to do any good work in the world. You will be amazed to see how your powers will grow as you use them. One of the surprising things of this last

twenty years or less, is the way the Woman's Board work has brought out quiet, reticent little women who never dreamed of the talents lying undeveloped within them, but who find themselves good speakers and writers, from their interest in this missionary movement. But we are Christian women; and why do we stop to think of possible benefits to ourselves, when the world our Master died to save, is lying in darkness and misery?

Our lives, with all their gifts, would be dark and dreary enough without Christ; yet millions of women are bearing heavier burdens than we have dreamed of, without a gleam of light from the life to come. Ah! you say, we should be so glad to help lift the world's burden of sin and misery, but we can do so little! Heathenism lies there before us like an immense, dark mountain seen through the gloom of a starless night. To think that we can even help to remove it by digging a few little shovelfuls of sand here and there, seems utter nonsense. Did we stop scraping lint and making currant jelly in the never-to-be-forgotten war-time, because thousands of wounded men must die without care? No; because the work was mighty, we worked the harder, and hoped our prayers might make up for what our hands could not do.

How hopeless the outlook when Paul started out on his first missionary journey. The whole world, rich, powerful, and wicked, despised the Nazarene and his followers: what were these few against so many? Doubtless there were praying women in Jerusalem and Antioch who feared and doubted, yet who prayed and worked on in their obscure little places. They never dreamed that their work should remain centuries after the proud Roman empire had crumbled to pieces.

Could anything be more insignificant and powerless than a blade of grass? Yet our Government has spent thousands of dollars in planting beach-grass on the shifting sands of Cape Cod, to resist the encroachments of the Atlantic and the force of the east wind. We need not be discouraged; *we* are more than blades of grass. Yet as Thoreau says "Cape Cod is anchored to the heavens by myriad little cables of beach-grass," so may these small societies form a net-work of invisible roots which shall bind together our own Christian fabric, and resist the oncoming tides of evil.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions will be held in Boston, on Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 16 and 17, 1884.

## WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS FROM SEPTEMBER 18 TO OCTOBER 18, 1883.

## MAINE.

<i>Maine Branch.</i> —Mrs. Woodbury S. Dana, Treas. Bangor, Aux., \$20; Bethel, 2d Ch., Aux., Estate Sarah J. Chapman, \$70; Bingham, Aux., \$5.65; East Otisfield, Cong. Ch., \$8; North Bridgton, Ladies, \$10; Portland, Aux., Williston Ch., Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, \$30, State St. Ch., Miss Alice E. Bailey, \$5,	\$148 65
<i>Windham Hill.</i> —Woman's Miss'y Soc'y,	8 40
Total,	\$157 05

## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

<i>Canterbury.</i> —Mrs. Mary A. Glines,	\$2 00
<i>Franklin.</i> —Cong. Ch.,	10 00
<i>Goffstown.</i> —A Friend const L. M.'s Mrs. Diantha J. Allen, Miss Emeline A. Kendall, Miss Elizabeth C. Kendall, Mrs. Laura E. Gerould,	100 00
<i>New Castle.</i> —Cong. S. S.,	5 00
Total,	\$117 00

## VERMONT.

*Vermont Branch.*—Mrs. T. M. Howard, Treas. Rutland, Aux., of wh. \$25 const. L. M. Mrs. L. F. Page, \$35; Essex Junction, Mrs. M. J. Seaton, \$5; Fairfield, Aux., \$4; Middletown, Aux., \$6.50; Danville, Aux., \$18, South Hero, Aux., \$51; East Hardwick, Aux., \$9.70, Y. L. Aid Soc'y, \$5; Charlotte, Aux., \$16.50; Benson, Aux., \$1; Pittsford, Aux., \$33; Shoreham, Aux., \$40.70; Newport, Banyan Seeds, \$3.20, Cheerful Workers, \$9.05; Norwich, Aux., \$7.05; Bakersfield, Aux., \$4; Rochester, Aux., of wh. \$25 by A Friend, const self L. M., \$40; Springfield, Aux., \$51.17; Wilmington, Aux., \$17; St. Johnsbury, South Ch., Aux., of wh. \$25, by Mabel Fairbanks, const L. M. Miss Elizabeth J. Hawes, \$25 by Mrs. H. F., const. L. M. Miss Lucy Fairbanks, \$131.55, North Ch., Aux., of wh. \$25 by a Friend, const. L. M. Mrs. Ella S. Truax, with prev. contri. by Mrs. S. T. Crossman, const. L. M. Miss Addie R. Crossman, \$5, \$50 by Mrs. Horace Fairbanks, const. L. M.'s Mrs. M. A. Gates, Mrs. A. E. Rankin, \$157.31; East Burke,

Aux., \$5; Derby, Aux., \$12.50; Cabot, Aux., \$12; North Bennington, Cheerful Gleaners, const. L. M. Mrs. L. S. Partridge, \$25; Strafford, Aux., \$10.10; East Dorset, Aux., \$22; Johnson, Aux., const. L. M. Mrs. C. W. Ward, \$25.50; West Brattleboro, of wh. \$25 const. L. M. Mrs. Fanny Whitaker, \$30; Brookfield, 1st Ch., Aux., \$14; Greensboro, Aux., \$11.50; Lyndon, Y. L. Miss'y Soc'y, prev. contri. const. L. M.'s Mrs. George P. Ide, Miss Nellie M. Burgess, \$46, Mrs. J. N. Bartlett, \$3; Castleton, Aux., \$14.73; Guildhall, Aux., \$16.10; No. Craftsbury, Aux., const. L. M. Mrs. Jennie Parker, \$25; Peru, Aux., \$7.50; Bellows Falls, Aux., \$15; Woodstock, Aux., \$35; Bennington, Aux., \$15; Burlington Aux., \$13, \$1,000 66

*Granby.*—Cong. Ch., Cl's of Children, 1 58

*McIndoes Falls.*—Aux., 14 82

Total, \$1,017 06

## MASSACHUSETTS.

*Barnstable County Branch.*—Mrs. Bernard Faine, Treas. Falmouth, Aux., \$100 00

*Berkshire Branch.*—Mrs. S. N. Russell, Treas. Pittsfield, South Ch., \$14; First Ch., of wh. \$25 by Mrs. H. M. Hurd, const. L. M. Miss Adelaide Daughaday \$42; Lee, Senior Aux., \$315.20, So Egremont, Buds of Promise, \$40; Gt. Barrington, \$21; Stockbridge, Loving Helpers, \$30, 462 20

*Charlton.*—Mrs. John Haven, 2 00

*Dunstable.*—Aux., 25 00

*Essex No. Conf. Branch.*—Mrs. A. Hammond, Treas. Newburyport, Aux., \$68.75; Ipswich, 1st Ch., \$15; Haverhill, A Friend, \$12, 95 75

*Essex So. Conf. Branch.*—Miss Sarah W. Clark, Treas. Manchester, Aux., \$30; Essex, Helping Hands, \$44; Topsfield, Aux., \$40; Middleton, \$6.75; Boxford, Aux., \$10, Earnest Workers, \$10; Saugus, M. B., \$7; Beverly, Washington St. Ch., Aux., \$50, Unity Band, \$30, 227 75

*Falmouth.*—A Friend, 5 00

*Franklin Co. Branch.*—Miss L. A. Sparhawk, Treas. Orange, Aux., const. L. M.'s Mrs. Stillman Dexter, Mrs. Lysander French, \$50; Conway, Aux., \$24, 74 00



*Hampshire Co. Branch.*—Miss Isabella G. Clarke, Treas. Westhampton, Aux., \$50; South Hadley, \$36; Belcher-town, \$28, 5114 00

*Middlesex Branch.*—Mrs. E. H. Warren, Treas. Holliston, Aux, \$31.72; Saxonville, June Blossoms, \$10.25; Lincoln, S. S., \$25; Southboro, Aux., \$8, Pansy Circle, \$5, 79 97

*Norfolk and Pilgrim Branch.*—Mrs. Franklin Shaw, Treas. Hanover, Aux., \$19.50; North Abington, Aux., \$3, Merry Workers, \$5, Happy Workers, \$4.25; Marshfield, Mayflowers, \$17; Brockton, Mission Sunbeams, prev. contri. const. L. M's Ella Barter, Edith C. Monroe, \$30, 78 75

*Prescott.*—Children's Mite Boxes, 3 39

*Springfield Branch.*—Miss H. T. Buckingham, Treas. Springfield, 1st Ch., \$94.05, South Ch., \$40 24, Y. L. M. C., \$8.75, Olivet Ch., Aux, \$12; Sandford St. Ch. \$4.50; Chicopee, 1st Ch., \$25.33, 3d Ch., \$51.05; East Longmeadow, \$40 55, Young Disciples, \$7.10; West Springfield, of wh. \$25 by Mrs. E. Brooks and Mrs. C. Prescott, const. L. M. Mrs. Lucy Ann Bagg, \$88, 371 57

*Suffolk Branch.*—Miss Myra B. Child, Treas., Boston. A Friend, \$1; Central Ch., S. S., \$36.50; Roxbury, Eliot Ch., Aux., \$35, Eliot Star, \$3, Olive Branch, \$1, Thompson Circle, \$1, Mayflowers, 75 cts, Ferguson Circle, 75 cts; Dorchester, Village Ch., \$60; Cambridgeport, Plymouth Ch., \$5; Chelsea, 1st Ch. \$40, Young People's Miss'y Soc'y, \$10, Central Ch., \$18; Auburndale, Children's M.C., \$40; Brighton, Aux., \$20; Waltham, Young Ladies' Circle, \$10; West Medway, Aux., \$12; Dedham, Asylum, Dime Soc'y, \$2.30; Foxboro, Friends, const. L. M. Miss H. L. Dean, \$25, 321 30

*Townsend.*—Aux, of wh. \$25 const L. M. Mrs. Emily Barriet, 33 00

*Waquoit.*—A Friend, 40

*Wayland.*—Young People's M. C., 8 00

*Woburn Conf. Branch.*—Mrs. N. W. C. Holt, Treas. Reading, M. B., 190 00

*Worcester.*—Summer St. Ch., M. C., \$5, Central Ch., Primary Dep., \$5, 10 00

*Worcester Co. Branch.*—Mrs. G. W. Russell, Treas. Fitchburg, C. C. Ch., Aux., of wh. \$25 by Mrs. L. A. Lowe, const. L. M. Mrs. Stephen Lowe,

Elgin, Ill., \$54 10; Winchendon, North Ch., Aux., \$17 52; Worcester, Miss'y Asso., Plymouth Ch., \$102.89, Union Ch., \$45; Oxford, Woman's Miss'y Asso., \$15; Gilbertville, Cong. Ch., of wh. \$50 const. L. M's Mrs. C. O. Thomas, Miss Minerva Collins Ware, \$68 302 51

Total, \$2,504 59

LEGACY.

Legacy of Miss Adeline Flagg, Worcester, \$200 00

RHODE ISLAND.

*Rhode Island Branch.*—Miss Anna T. White, Treas. Providence, Beneficent Ch., \$300, Central Ch., of wh. \$25, by Mrs. Lockwood, const. L. M. Miss Sarah M. Paine, \$25 by Miss Lockwood, const. L. M. Mrs. F. J. Sawtelle, \$25 by Mrs. J. N. Mason, const. L. M. Mrs. Laura M. Mason, \$373.35, O. B. Mission Club, \$50, F. M. C., \$15, The Wilkinsons, \$5, Union Ch., \$520, Free Ch., \$25, M. C., \$22, North Ch., \$61 60, Pilgrim Ch., of wh. \$25 by Mrs. Dr. Laurie, const. L. M. Miss Charlotte Snow, \$137, Sarah E. Taylor, const self L. M., \$25; Central Falls, Aux., \$35.25; Barrington, Aux., of wh. \$5, last gift of Miss Elizabeth Joy Smith, \$45; North Scituate, Aux., \$10.25; Tiverton, Aux., \$12.40; Petaconsett, M. C., \$11.40; Bristol, of wh. \$100 by Mrs. M. DeWolf Rogers and Miss DeWolf, \$175; Pawtucket, Park Place Ch., \$15, 1st Ch., Aux., of wh. \$25 by Mrs. H. M. Blodgett, const. L. M. Miss Maud H. Leonard, \$25 by Mrs. D. Goff, const. L. M. Mrs. Nora L. Blodgett, \$25 by Mrs. L. Goff, const L. M. Mrs Alexander McGregor, \$279 50, Happy Workers, \$16.66, Young People's M. C., \$153.84; Woonsocket, Aux., \$14; Little Compton, Aux., \$21.44; Kingston, Aux., \$22; Westerly, Aux., \$22, Young Folks M. C., \$50, 62,617 69

Total, \$2,617 69

CONNECTICUT.

*Eastern Conn. Branch.*—Miss M. I. Lockwood, Treas. Jewett City, Aux., const L. M. Mrs. Jane E Young, \$25; Danielsonville, \$65; Stonington, 2d Ch., \$9.74; Willimantic, \$1; Pomfret, Aux., \$11, Little Women, 80 cts; East Lyme, \$10; Colchester, of wh. \$25 by Mrs. Justin Williams,

const. L. M. Miss Eloise Denning, \$26; New London, 2d Ch., \$30.63, A Friend, const. L. M. Mrs. Mary Clark, \$23, 1st Ch., \$84.40, \$288 57

*Hartford Branch.*—Mrs. Charles A. Jewell, Treas. Tolland, Aux., \$20.18; Simsbury, Aux., \$9; Wethersfield, Aux., \$140; "Westward," M. C., const. L. M. Hannah C. Wells, \$25; Rocky Hill, Aux., \$23.25; Fragment Gatherers, \$50.10; Windsor Locks, \$51.61; Missionary Hill, \$14, Windsor, Aux., \$27, Splinters of the Board, \$50; Enfield, Gleaners, \$50; Bolton, M. C., \$6; Hartford, Windsor Ave. Ch., M. C., \$5, Centre Ch., Aux., by Mrs. E. C. Bissell, const. L. M. Miss Bessie W. Stone, \$25, M. C., \$58.45, 4th Ch., Aux., \$30; Park Ch., Aux., of wh. \$25 by Mrs. Mary C. Reims, const. self L. M., \$34.70; West Hartford, Aux., \$86.80; East Hartford, Aux., \$1; Real Workers, \$60; Unionville, Aux., const. L. M. Mrs. Solomon Richards, \$28; Terryville, Aux., \$25, Willing Workers, \$10.60; East Windsor, Aux., \$10; Poquonock, Friends, \$29.70, Rainbow Cheerful Givers, \$5; Canton Centre, Aux., \$15.50; Collinsville, Aux., \$22, M. B. \$25; Suffield, Aux., \$66.50; Plainville, Treasure Seekers, \$29.50; East Granby, Aux., \$10, M. C., \$7.40; Glastonbury, Y. L. M. B., \$72; Ellington, Aux., \$25; Talcottville, Aux., \$75; Hampton, Aux., \$25.85; Newington, Aux., \$107; Rockville, Aux., \$40, Little Helpers, \$12; South Windsor, Aux., \$12, 1,420 14

*Killingly.*—E. Frances Jencks, 10 00

*New Haven Branch.*—Miss Julia Twining, Treas. Bridgeport, Mrs. Nathaniel S. Worden, const. L. M.'s Mrs. Annie E. Dyer, Mrs. Emma D. Anderson, Mrs. Mary E. Canfield, Miss Mary E. Stillman, \$196 50; Derby, \$15; East Hadam, Miss Brownell's S. S. class, \$11; Greenwich, \$25; Kent, \$26; Lakeville, Lakeside Workers, \$10; Litchfield, \$40 fr. Daisy Chain, \$55.71; Madison, Willing Hearts, \$30; North Cornwall, \$4.85; North Madison, \$10.20, Prospect Gleaners, \$30; Salisbury, \$11.50; Saybrook, const. L. M. Mrs. Ann Pratt, \$64.95; Sharon, \$50 fr. Busy Bees, \$70; Torrington, Highland Workers, const. L. M. Miss Ellen Miner, \$28; Wallingford,

\$73.56; Westbrook, \$41; Wilton, Light Bearers, \$1.25, \$714 52  
Total, \$2433 23

## NEW YORK.

*New York State Branch.*—Mrs. G. H. Norton, Treas. Lockport, \$41; Gaines, \$8.25; Millville, \$13, Corn Planters, \$9.25; Cambria Centre, \$10, Willing Workers, \$15; Coventryville, \$7; Walton, \$10, Little Helpers, \$5, Chenango Forks, \$7; Morrisville, \$12.12; Binghamton, N. Y., \$8, Faithful Workers, \$1.86; Maine, \$17; Brooklyn, East Cong. Ch., \$10; Jamestown, \$36; Gloversville, \$32; Hamilton, \$11; East Smithfield, Penn., \$10; Norwood, \$24; West Winfield, \$10 50; Little Valley, \$7; Saratoga Springs, of wh. \$25 by A Friend, const. L. M. Mrs. T. W. Jones, \$35, M. C., 17; Poughkeepsie, \$30, Opportunity M. C., \$30; Napoli, \$9, S. S., \$3, M. C., \$4; Canandaigua, \$200; Fairport, \$60; Bridge-water, \$15; Strykersville and Java Village, \$5.80; New York City, Dr. Newman's Ch., const. L. M.'s Mrs. J. P. Newman, Mrs. Joseph Cook, \$50, Olivet Ch., S. S., \$45; Rochester, Mt. Hor Missy's Friends, \$17; Flushing, \$8.44; Syracuse, \$275, Gleaners, \$25, \$1,154 22  
*Brooklyn.*—Mrs. J. L. Partridge, 10 00  
*Randolph.*—Evergreen M. C., 6 00  
Total, \$1,170 22

## OHIO.

*Burton.*—Aux., \$5, Mrs. A. S. Hotchkiss, \$3, \$8 00  
*Toledo.*—3d Cong. S. S., 26 00  
*Windham.*—Y. L. M. B., 113 00  
Total, \$147 00

## LEGACY.

Legacy of Mrs. Adaline K. Williams, Kent, \$800 00

## WISCONSIN.

*Oshkosh.*—Mrs. L. L. Osborn, \$1 80  
Total, \$1 80

## NORTH CAROLINA.

*Wilmington.*—Miss Farrington's S. S. Cl., \$1 05  
Total, \$1 05

## CANADA.

Canadian Woman's Board, \$167 00  
Total, \$167 00

General Funds, \$10,333 69  
Legacies, 1,000 00  
Weekly Pledge, 3 64  
Leaflets, 5 96  
Total, \$11,343 29

Miss EMMA CARRUTH, Treasurer.

# Board of the Interior.

## TURKEY, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

### SUMMER EXPERIENCES.

Miss Van Duzee writes from Erzroom, August 14th:—

I DID not have the pleasure of seeing Pres. Chapin or any of the other delegates, for I did not go to Constantinople. To you in America we seem near together here in Turkey; but we are a long way apart, counting by the time consumed in making journeys. I have a dear sister in Oroomiah, Persia, whom I have not seen for seven years. In fifteen years past I have seen her only once, for a five-weeks' visit. I want very much to go and see her this fall, and may succeed; but visiting, here, is no light matter. Time, money, and hundreds of inconveniences must be taken into consideration. Just now we are all out in tents, under the trees, five miles from the city, where we have before spent parts of three summers. It is very pleasant here now, but the first two or three weeks we had rain every day. This was bad for us, but good for the grain, which will be abundant this fall. We expect to be at work again, in a couple of weeks.

Miss Wright sends this message from Harpoot, Turkey, August 7th:—

Now that school has closed, at last,—the merry voices all gone from hall and school-rooms; the great lonesome building passively receiving the great clouds of sandy dust, rolled up every day from the plain below by the south wind,—I am resting in our pleasant mud cottage, a mile north of the city. My only school duties now are to study, in Armenian, the Grammar, Spelling, Physiology, Botany, and Evidences of Christianity, which I expect to teach next year, and to oversee the drying and putting away of various stores. There are thousands of grape-leaves to be soaked in salt-water, and dried. Next winter, rolled around little bundles of rice and chopped mutton (almost the only meat here), and boiled, they will give an acid flavor that is very nice. There are string-beans to be dried, too, and herbs for spicing. Wild sage is abundant here, and the air is full of spicy gusts of its odor, as sheep and goats browse on the green hillsides in early spring. These herbs, and egg-plants, and other stores are dried in summer; but I have

only a general superintendence of them, and hope to have time to bring up all arrears in my correspondence this vacation.

From Miss Chapin's letter of August 2d, from Peking, we make the following extract:—

Of the nine girls who were received into the church on probation the first Sunday in March, six were received to full communion the first Sunday in July, just before the school disbanded for vacation. Of the other three, one was hindered by her relatives; another we felt did not give evidence of thorough earnestness, and her friends also objected; and the third went to Shantung, with Miss Andrews, directly after annual meeting, to assist Miss Porter in her little day-school. We hear good accounts of her, and think the care of the little school will be very good discipline for her. We closed school for the summer, the middle of July, and all but nine girls went to their homes. Two more will probably go, for part of the vacation, but seven will remain with us all summer, as they either have no other homes, or their homes are so far distant they cannot go to them. One who is staying with us has a serious affection of the eyes, and requires much care. I earnestly hope she will not become blind, for it would confirm the Chinese in the belief which we constantly meet, that foreigners dig out childrens' eyes. She is one who thought she became a Christian last winter; and we hope she is a true Christian, for the change in her is very great. The family into which she is to marry would not consent to her joining the church, however.

From Miss Diament, July 21st:—

My dialect is pliable. I am spending my vacation in putting it in Tung-cho order. We have good reports of Miss Porter's health. Miss Andrews is with her this vacation, and writes: "Notwithstanding the great heat, Miss Porter goes out regularly, and does not seem to feel the worse for it. She seems very well."

From Kobe, Japan, under date of July 13th, come cheering words from Miss Barrows:—

We are still in the midst of the work of grace, which has grown wonderfully encouraging and delightful. I am sorry for Miss Starkweather, and Miss Dudley, and all the people who cannot be here now. I am going this afternoon to a place fifteen miles away, to spend Sunday. About the 20th of this month we go to Arina, for a rest.

While some of our missionaries have thus been resting, it should not be forgotten that Mrs. Coffing and Miss Spencer have spent much of their time, of late, in ministering to poor families made homeless by the great fire in Hadjin, September 14th. It will be remembered that "the new Protestant church-



building and school-rooms are an utter ruin, their walls level with the ground;" also, that "connected with our large first Protestant congregation, only about sixteen families have a home left them, and they are by no means the better class." Mrs. Coffing writes:—

We have each given six Turkish liras, for food, but it is "only a drop in the bucket." We have eleven families in our yard, who for the present are tolerably comfortable, but will not be for winter. Who will help to bear this burden?

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## JAPAN.

### A GREAT NEED.

[Extract from a recent letter from Miss Brown, of the Kobe Home.]

AND NOW I will name the greatest need of all—an imperative need, not for ourselves, but for the school; viz., the need for more room. The school has grown so rapidly during the past two years, that next year we must either refuse all applications for admission, or resort to Miss Clarkson's expedient of hanging the girls upon pegs in the closets. We had nearly sixty boarders, last year, with not room enough for fifty. Half-a-dozen girls have occupied one small room, which in an American school would not be considered large enough for one. Coming, as I did, directly from an American school, the crowding which is done here seemed to me positively wrong. I am quite sure that if we had been in America, the "Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals" would have called upon us long ago. Japanese girls do not need so much room as American girls; but they do need room enough, on the floor, to lie down at night.

At our last mission meeting, an appropriation of twelve hundred dollars was asked for, to enlarge our school. It was all we dared ask for, but is so small a sum, that, even if granted, it will only serve to put a small addition to one of our other buildings. We need, and ought to have, twenty-five hundred dollars. Oh that the Lord would put it into the hearts of some of his people to provide this additional room which is so imperatively needed! If you know of any one who is "spoiling" to give two or three thousand dollars to the cause of Christian education, tell them of the Kobe Home. Say that nowhere in the wide world will the same amount of money be the means of dispelling so much of ignorance and superstition; nowhere will the same amount count so largely toward the evangelization of the world, as here in Japan. I have been at work on plans for some time, and so soon as they become fixed with any degree of certainty, will send them to you. We shall hope and pray that some way may be provided so that we may have this much-needed additional room.

Miss Talcott says that it is a great comfort to see how much the older girls have grown in Christian character, and in ability and willingness to work for the good of the school. We think that two or three of the girls who graduated last winter are deciding to relinquish the idea of having homes of their own,—an idea which is dear to the heart of every Japanese woman,—and will give themselves, at least for a time, to the work of teaching.

One of the pleasantest experiences of the year has come to our Executive Committee by means of this letter. As many of our readers already know, we received from contributions last year not quite enough to meet our pledges. This year we have urged our auxiliaries to increase their offerings, and for love of Christ and his work, to give a part of them to a general fund, not designating the specific object to which each gift should be appropriated. When this letter arrived, a few weeks ago, we had no money to apply to this purpose; but we laid the appeal before the Prudential Committee of the American Board, determined that if they approved, we would make it our first care, after securing the amount of our appropriations for this year, to solicit the sum needed for a new building at the Kobe Home. A reply from Boston was received at our rooms last Friday, October 12th; and that was a red-letter day for us. Our Treasurer had already reported \$37,000 received, including a thank-offering of five hundred designated for the Kobe Home, when Dr. Alden's letter was read, giving the Prudential Committee's indorsement of our plan. The joy and gratitude with which we were able to appropriate \$1,200, the whole sum required for the new building, can be better imagined than described, but will be appreciated by those who have felt the great needs of the foreign work, and have sympathized with us in our "day of small things."

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#### LETTER FROM MISS CATHCART.

TAPITENSA, GILBERT ISLANDS, July 11, 1883.

MY DEAR SECRETARY,— Through you I want to send love and good wishes to the friends in Chicago who meet in the "upper room" each week, and whose words of help come and go, far over land and sea, to the scattered ones on the dark continents or the distant isles of the sea.

I think those who are helping send the Morning Star on its errands to the dwellers in Micronesia, will be glad to know she has come the first twenty-three hundred miles in safety. From the time we sailed, we were favored with good winds till we reached this, the first island at which we stop. Our voyage was seventeen days long, and has been, in all respects, a very pleasant one. Captain Garland is very kind and courteous, doing all in his power to make it pleasant and comfortable to all on board. Mrs. Walkup, her little boy, and myself, are the only white missionaries, and we enjoy the quiet days reading or sewing, and the refreshing evenings, talking on deck. We have enjoyed remarkably good health all the way.

In the last two years I have seen a good deal of improvement in the appearance of natives that come on board our vessel. More have their hair cut, seem cleaner, and are dressed. If the work goes on, I trust the time will be when these improvements, together with the more important change of heart, will reach them all.

Those Gilbert Island waifs who have been in Japan and San Francisco, are with us, and almost home. I suppose they and the friends here will be delighted when they arrive. They have seen much that was new and civilizing, and while in Honolulu, have had good religious teaching from Rev. and Mrs. Bingham, in their own language. If the Spirit of Christ is in their hearts, they may be a great help in making known the way of life to the others on their island.

We have not gone far enough to learn anything of the work of the past year, but as there is a "Trader" here, which is going to San Francisco some time in October, we improve the opportunity of sending letters. According to present plans, we shall make the missionaries on Ponape a short visit; and for that I rejoice, as I have not yet seen any of them.

It will be some four or five weeks before we reach Kusaie. I am happy in returning to this needy people, for I rest confidently on the promises of God to such as we, and rejoice in his presence and blessing. Remember us often in your prayers, that we may be full of the Spirit, and strong in the faith.

My prayer is that you may constantly increase in numbers and power, and that a spirit of greater consecration may fill our churches, that there shall be no need to plead for money to carry on the work, either at home or in the foreign field. Much love to you all.

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## Home Department.

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### STUDIES IN MISSIONARY HISTORY.

1883.

#### PRESENT ASPECT OF THE WORK OF THE AMERICAN BOARD.

NOTICE the opening work of the Board at the following points:—

The new mission in Africa; Geographical Position; Beginnings; Prospects. See *Missionary Herald*, March, 1881, Serpa Pinto's Account of Bihé, in September number, and *Herald*, April and August, 1883.

New Mission in Shause, China. Location. Reception of missionaries. See *Herald*, August, 1882, and March, August, and October, 1883.

Aim of new Mission at Hong Kong. See Dr. Clark's "Annual Survey of the Work for 1883."

Educational Work of the Board. *Herald*, 1883, p. 93.

State of Religion in the Missions of the Board as shown by the Revivals at the following places:—

Revival at the Bridgman School. See *Life and Light*, May, 1883.

Revival in the Zulu Mission. See Dr. Clark's "Annual Survey;" *Herald*, 1883, p. 260.

Revival in Adana and Tarsus. See *Herald*, p. 305, and also September number.

Revival in Hadjin.

Revival in Samokov. *Herald*, June; *Life and Light*, June; and *Herald*, July.

Revival at Kessab and at Broosa. *Life and Light* for June; "Annual Survey."

Work at Choonkoosh. *Herald*, p. 221.

Revival at Smyrna. *Herald*, p. 142.

Revival in Japan. *Herald*, August, p. 299; *Life and Light*, September and October numbers.

Work of the Bible-Women. *Life and Light*, January; February, p. 46; March, p. 84; September, pp. 321 and 329; October, p. 362.

Extent of the Work. See "Ten Years' Growth and Change." *Herald*, April, p. 130.

Auxiliaries wishing a more extended study, will find a fruitful source in the expansion of the work of the three Woman's Boards. Helps will be found in the pages of LIFE AND LIGHT and in the last Reports of the Woman's Board and the Woman's Board of the Interior.

Present Aspects of the Work in the Turkish Empire Compared with that of Thirty Years Ago. See Dr. Clark's "Annual Survey."

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## ANNUAL MEETINGS OF WISCONSIN BRANCHES.

### THE WISCONSIN BRANCH.

THE meeting of the Wisconsin Branch, held Sept. 26th at Racine, was one, not of self-gratulation, but of thanksgiving. An extract from the report of the Secretary, Miss Anna B. Sewell, of Stoughton, will show what the Branch had undertaken:—

"We began our year with courage. We had decided to raise \$3,000, and we meant to do it. But just then came the trumpet-call of the American Board, 'We shall depend upon the women of our churches for over \$100,000 this year.' Like an electric spark followed the word from Cincinnati: 'We



pledge the women of the Northwest for \$40,000!' Could Wisconsin fail to respond that one-tenth of this sum should be her glad offering? So while the President of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior took \$40,000 for her text, we took \$4,000 as ours. \* \* \* With the help of the District Secretaries, almost every church has been addressed on the subject of missions, and seven new auxiliaries have been organized."

The Treasurer's report gave the result. Not often is it given us to experience such a thrill of grateful joy as moved the whole audience, when Mrs. Coburn announced that over \$4,000 had been contributed. The doxology, "Praise God," which followed, was the utterance of every heart. The papers read showed how, with the blessing of God, and the untiring labors of the State Secretary, this result had been obtained. Mrs. Alexander Kerr, of Madison, gave the experience of one auxiliary where notes of personal entreaty from one, the offering of cherished pocket-pieces by another, and perseverance as untiring as that of Bruce and the spider, on the part of the solicitors, had nearly doubled the contributions. Mrs. Ide, of Milwaukee, read a paper giving hints as to the best methods of interesting children in missions, which many a mother laid up in her heart; and Mrs. Emerson, of Racine, gave an interesting review of the ten years' work of the Racine auxiliary. In the young ladies' hour, sister Alice, of Milwaukee, read a very suggestive letter to her young companions; and the report of the Pansy Society, and the recitation, "Where Hast Thou Gleaned To-day?" all helped to make this hour memorable. Rev. William Walker, the veteran of the Gaboon Mission, was an attentive listener all the morning,—the only one of the sterner sex,—and assured us, when asked to speak, that he never felt so much as if he wanted to be a missionary. Father Cheeny and wife, well known in Wisconsin, added much to the impressiveness of the afternoon service by singing the hymn, "O Where are the Reapers?" The whole tone of the meeting was most inspiring and helpful; and the kindly hospitalities of the beautiful homes of that city by the lake, will not soon be forgotten.



## RECEIPTS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE INTERIOR.

Mrs. J. B. LEAKE, TREASURER.

FROM SEPTEMBER 18 TO OCTOBER 22, 1883.

OHIO.

OHIO BRANCH.—Mrs. Geo. H. Ely, of Elyria, Treas. Akron, for Miss Parmelee, 47; thank-

offering, 10; Y. P. A., 5; *Atwater*, M. C., 20; W. W., 5; *Aurora*, thank-offering, 6; *Bristolville*, 10; *Brooklyn*,

Waste-Not Soc., for Morning Star, 10, Aux., for Samokov, 21; *Ceredo*, W. Va., 5; *Char-don*, for Miss Parsons, 11; *Clarksfield*, 15; *Cleveland*, Euclid Ave., for scholarship at Samokov and Hadjin, 18.75; *Plymouth Ch.*, 28, thank-offering, 12, Hights, for Miss Maltbie, 11.50; *Columbus*, High St., 50; *Conneaut*, 14; *Coolville*, for Hadjin, 8; *Can-field*, 1; *Cortland*, for Miss Maltbie, 20; *Elyria*, for Miss Maltbie, 81.60, thank-offering, 58.22; Y. P. M. A., thank-offering, 4.10; *Geneva*, 25; *Harmar*, thank-offering, 18; *Hudson*, 29.41, thank-offering, 27, Silver Star M. B., thank-offering, 10; *Ironton*, 8; *Johnsonville*, for Miss Maltbie, 5; *Kent*, 20; *Kinsman*, 31.69, of wh. 22 for Miss Maltbie; *Locke*, 5; *Lorraine*, for Miss Maltbie, 7.47, thank-offering, 2.47; *Lyme*, Y. P. M. C., for The Bridge, 10; *Madison*, 14.10, thank-offering, 5, H. B. F., thank-offering, 20; *Mt. Vernon*, thank-offering, 15; *Marietta*, for Mrs. Coffing, 60, thank-offering, 21; *Newark*, Plymouth Ch., 10; *No. Bloom-field*, for Miss Maltbie, 6, thank-offering, 5; *No. Mon-roeville*, for Mrs. Coffing, 11.75; *Norwalk*, 26.49; *Oberlin*, for Miss Newton, 66, thank-offering, 56.09; *Painesville*, 50, J. C. B., thank-offering, 5; *Pittsfield*, for Erzroom Sch., 25; *Paddy's Run*, 10, thank-offering, 5; *Plain*, 5; *Randolph*, for Miss Parmelee, 21; *Ravenna*, 37.72, of wh. 25 for Miss Parmelee; *Richfield*, for Miss Parmelee, 17.25, thank-offering, 3; *Ridgeville*, Henry Co., S. S., 1.70; *Sandusky*, thank-offering, 5; *Saybrook*, 18; *Springfield*, 15.75, of wh. 12 for B. R. at Mahratta, thank-offering, 5, Busy Bees, for B. R. at Harpoot, 5; *Steuben*, 7, King's Workers, 16; *Twinsburg*, to const. L. M. Mrs. Clara Elliston, 25, C. L., thank-offering, 2; *Toledo*, for Miss Lawrence, 132; *Wellington*, for pupil at Samokov, 35, thank-offering, 33, Y. L. S., for Marsh College, 12; *Wakeman*, for Sch. at Karaghaj, 4; *Wauseon*, 17.35; *Wayne*, for Miss Maltbie, 30. *Alexandria*, 5; *Bellevue*, thank-offering, 5; *Belpre*, 46.13; *Brownholm*, for Miss Maltbie, 12.18; *Cincinnati*, 7th St., 10;

*Cleveland Heights*, for Miss Maltbie, 25.50; *Elyria*, thank-offering, 122; *Fredom*, M. B., 7.31; *Harmar*, 2, thank-offerings M. B. H., 5; *Kelloggs-ville*, for Miss Fletcher, 5; *Lyme*, 16.50; *Meadville*, Pa., for Samokov Sch., 30; *Oberlin*, thank offering, 5.50; *Ravenna*, thank-offering, 12.69; *Rootstown*, 28; *Tallmadge*, thank-offering, 4.25, Cheerful Workers, 15.25; *West Wil-liamsfield*, 11, thank-offering presented at annual meeting, 66.87. Branch total, \$1,416 40  
Thank-offerings, 549 19

Contingent Fund for expenses paid, 17 39

*Atwater*, 11; *Aurora*, 10; *Brook-lyn*, thank-offering, 3; *Cincin-nati*, 7th St. Ch., Y. L. Soc., 20, Storrs' Ch., 10; *Charles-town*, 5; *Geneva*, Y. L. Soc., 7.50; *Jefferson*, 14; *Paddy's Run*, Willing Helpers, 7; *Painesville*, Y. L. Soc., for The Bridge, 20; *Sandusky*, Mrs. J. E. Marshall, a free-will offering, 50, 157 55  
Total, \$2,140 53

## INDIANA.

INDIANA BRANCH.—Miss E. B. Warren of TerreHaute, Treas. *Cordonia*, S. S., for Morning Star, 3; *Elkhart*, for work in Peking, 8.50; *Indianapolis*, Mayflower Aux., thank-offering, 8, Y. L. work, 9; *Kokomo*, for Bridgman Sch., 20; *Mich-igan City*, Aux., 11.93, L. G. S., 1, Wall-Builders, 2.95, C. W., 73 cts.; *Orland*, Mrs. M. E. Otto, 5; *Terra Haute*, 7, thank-offering, 22, S. S., 5, \$104 11  
Total, \$104 11

## MICHIGAN.

MICHIGAN BRANCH.—Mrs. Geo. H. Lathrop, of Jackson, Treas. *Ann Arbor*, for Kobe Home, 55.76; *Almont*, for Miss Pinkerton, 9; *Armada*, 25; *Benzonia*, for Miss Spencer, 38, thank-offerings, Aux., 9, A Friend, 5; *Bridge-man*, 11; *Bridgeport*, Aux., 7.58, Monthly concert. col., 2, Cheerful Givers, for Morning Star, 5.42; *Charlotte*, for Miss Spencer, 25.58, Ch. col. for

sufferers by fire at Hadjin, 10.40; *Chelsea*, thank-offering, 1.65; *Columbus*, for Miss Pinkerton, 6; *Cooper*, toward L. M., 12; *Detroit*, 1st Ch. Aux., for Mrs. Coffing, 75.25, Woodward Ave. Ch., Aux., of wh. 50 to const. Mrs. Kate L. Hubbell and Mrs. Augusta T. Twiss L. M.'s, and 10 to complete pledge for Kobe Home, 82, Y. L. C., for The Bridge, 37; *East Saginaw*, for Miss Searle, 63; *Grand Rapids*, Park Ch., Aux., for Monastir Sch., 40; *Greenville*, for Kobe Home, 50; *Grass Lake*, for Kobe Home, 10; *Jackson*, Aux., for Miss Hollister, 100, thank-offering, 104, Y. P. C., for The Bridge, 50; *Kalamazoo*, 1st Ch., Aux., for Kobe Home, 75, Plymouth Ch., Aux., for Dindigul Sch., 14.38; *Lansing*, 41.16; *Ludington*, 18, thank-offering, 11; *Lexington*, for Miss Pinkerton's Sch., 9.60; *Memphis*, for Miss Pinkerton, 5; *Morenci*, 20.10; *Muskegon*, for Kobe Home, 5; *North Adams*, for Fundajak Sch., 15; *Owasso*, for Kalgan Sch., 40.40; *Pontiac*, for Kobe Home, 6.92; *Port Huron*, 22, and from Mrs. J. P. Sanborn, to const. Miss Bessie Sanborn L. M., 25, Earnest Workers, 10; *Raisinville*, 3; *Richmond*, 17.20; *Romeo*, Little Gleaners, 25; *Sandstone*, Aux., 18, M. B., for Kobe Home, 11; *South Haven*, for Kobe Home, 8, S. S., 10.08; *Stanton*, for Dindigul Sch., 15; *Standish*, for Kalgan Sch., 7; *St Johns*, for Mrs. Coffing's work, 50, Y. P. C., for The Bridge, 5; *St Joseph*, for Dindigul Sch., of wh. 5 is from Mrs. Alfred L. Wells, 15, thank-offering, from a friend, 10; *Three Oaks*, for Kobe Home, 16; *Union City*, 40.35; *Vermontville*, for Miss Spencer, 28.40; *Wheatland*, to const. Mrs. A. W. Douglass L. M., 25; *White Cloud*, for Kobe Home, 1; *Eaton Rapids*, for Miss Spencer, 20.58, of wh. 2 from Ruby and Clara Breed's Bank, King's Young Daughters, 13.68, Cheerful Workers, 1.87. Branch total, \$1,494 36

*Covert*, 10; *Cooper*, 25; *Galesburg*, Y. L. Soc., 30; *Grand Rapids*, 25; *Greenville*, thank-offering, 43.75; *Olivet*, 31.10; *St. Clair*, 25; *Waconsta*, 7; *Watervliet*, 7,

203 85

Total, \$1,698 21

## ILLINOIS.

ILLINOIS BRANCH.—Mrs. W. A. Talcott, of Rockford, Treas. *Alton*, Aux., Church of the Redeemer, for Bible-reader Sultan Enfiqin, 5.41, Cheerful Workers, 25; *Amboy*, 27.59; *Ashkum*, 2.67; *Aurora*, 1st Ch. Aux., 70.30, Y. L. Soc., 10.21, New England Ch., Aux., 36.05, Y. L. Soc., for The Bridge, 34.50; *Batavia*, 50; *Bovensburg*, 12.30; *Buda*, 5.25; *Canton*, Aux., 21.85, Y. L. Soc., 16; *Cambridge*, Aux., 10.50, Mission Band, 3.05; *Chesterfield*, 6; *Chicago*, Leavitt St. Ch., 33.95, Plymouth Ch., 275, Bethany Ch., M. B., 20, South Cong. Ch., Y. L. Soc., 10.40, Union Park Ch., Aux., of wh. 112.50 for Miss Haven, 178.12, Y. L. Soc., for The Bridge, 35.59, Mission Band 2.77, Lincoln Park Ch., Y. L. Soc., 48; *Champaign*, of wh. 10 for pupil at Samokov, 12; *Creston*, 14; *Danvers*, 25.55; *Dundee*, for Kobe Home, 24; *Elgin*, Aux., 63.98, Y. L. Soc., of wh. 25 given by Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Lord, to const. L. M. Miss Hattie M. Browne, 45; *Evanston*, for Miss Porter, 158.25; *Farmington*, Aux., 32.75, Juvenile Soc., 7.25; *Forest*, 75 cts.; *Galesburg*, 1st Church of Christ, 31.25, Mission Band, 12, Garden Prairie, Aux., 1.40, Willing Workers, 1.80; *Geneva*, Aux., 8, Mission Band, for Morning Star, 15; *Granville*, 12; *Greenville*, 6.25; *Hamilton*, 6; *Huntley*, 15.85; *Ivanhoe*, 11; *Jacksonville*, 42, Joy Prairie, for Sch. at Erzroom, 30; *La Moille*, 16.30, Lawn Ridge M. B., for The Bridge, 47.10; *Lee Center*, 22.45; *Loda*, 5.50; *Lyonsville*, 20.55; *Marseilles*, for Bible-reader in Albustan, 26; *Moline*, 35; *Naperville*, for Miss Dudley, 24.42; *Neponset*, 25 of wh. to const. L. M. Mrs. I. B. Blake, 34; *New Milford*, for Bible-reader in Turkey, 11; *New Windsor*, for Miss Van Duzee, 20; *Oak Park*, for Miss Hale, 50; *Oswego*, 6.11; *Ottawa*, Aux., 40.76; Y. L. Soc., 50; *Parton*, 16.85; *Payson*, 25; *Pecatonica*, 10.87; *Plainfield*, 35; *Princeton*, Aux., 22.27, Whatsoever Band, 30; *Providence*, 10.45; *Pittsfield*, 8.50, Polo Independent Pres. Ch., Aux., 24; *Rockford*, 2d Ch., Aux., for Miss Diamant, 72.50, Mission Band, 5, 1st Ch. Aux.,

for Miss Diament, 113.75, Y. L. Soc., 22.13, Mission Band, 8.83; *Sandwich*, 63.75; *Seward*, for Sch. at Samokov, 13.47; *Shabbona*, Y. L. Soc., 2; *Sheffield*, 17.05; *St. Charles*, 10; *Springfield*, Aux., for Miss Evans, 63, Jennie Chapin Helpers, for The Bridge, 15; *Sterling*, 18.75; *Stillman Valley*, for Manisa, 18.45; *Toulon*, 6.05; *Wayne*, 4.45; *Wauponsie*, 20; *Waverly*, Aux., for Miss Evans, 29, Earnest Workers, for The Bridge, 25; *Wheaton*, 6.50; *Woodburn*, 13; *Udina*, Aux., 7.19; King's Daughters, 6.39. Branch total, \$2,669 96

*Special Thank-offerings*:—*Ashkum*, 75 cts.; *Aurora*, N. E. Ch., Mrs. M. W. Paddock, 5; *Brighton*, 10; *Cambridge*, 8.60; *Champaign*, 7.18; *Chicago*, Y. L. Soc., South Cong. Ch., 32.18, Union Park Ch., 43.20; *Evanston*, 3.75; *Forrest*, 1; *Galesburg*, 1st Church of Christ, 35.25; *Geneva*, Mission Band, 3.70; *Granville*, 30; *Ivanhoe*, Mrs. E. D. Dean, 5; *Joy Prairie*, 11; *Marseilles*, 14; *New Milford*, 8; *Rockford*, 1st Ch. Aux., 31, Y. L. Soc., 11.49; *Stillman Valley*, 7; *Shabbona*, Y. L. Soc., 10 05; *Toulon*, 1.75; *Udina*, Aux., 5; King's Daughters, 1.12; total, 286 02

BRANCH, additional.—*Huntley*, 9.35; *Huntley Grove*, 4.50; *Jacksonville*, 8; *La Harpe*, 1.05; *Lisbon*, 7, *La Harpe* thank-offering, 4.50, 34 40

THANK-OFFERINGS.—*Aurora*, 1st Ch., 25.76, Bureau Ass'n, 1; *Canton*, 16.38; *Chesterfield*, 16.65; *Chicago*, 1st Ch., 71, New England Ch., friends, for Kobe Home, 500, Aux., 30.10, Plymouth Ch., Mrs. H. M. S., 5, South Ch., 17, Union Park Ch., Mrs. W. H. R., 4.95, Y. L. Soc., 26.15, Western Ave. Chapel, Aux., 10, Y. L. Soc., 4.55, A Friend, 10, A Friend, 25; *Chicago* total, 766.54. *Evanston*, 79.70; *Forrestville*, Busy Bees, 15.65; *Griggsville*, 25; *Kewanee*, 18.47; *Oneida*, Aux., 8.25, Y. L. Soc., 4.34; *Port Byron*, 4; *Wataga*, 2.50, Central West Ass'n, 17.35, 941 80

*Batavia*, Little Boys' Soc., for The Bridge, 8; *Blue Island*, for Miss Haven's work, 16.50;

*Chicago*, Bethany Ch., 5.55, Clinton St. Ch., 8.44, 1st Ch., for Miss Patrick, 100, Leavitt St. Ch., 4.37, New England Ch., Aux., for Miss Chapin, 76.42, Y. L. Soc., for The Bridge, 30, M. E. B., for Mrs. Walker's Home, 100, Plymouth Ch., Y. P. M. A., 20, South Ch., 48.90, Tabernacle Ch., 1.58, Union Park Ch., Y. L. Soc., for The Bridge, 35.59, Aux. 25, Mission Band, 12.80, Western Ave. Chapel, 10, A Friend, 25, an invalid, 18 cts. *Chicago* total, 603.83. *Englewood*, for Mrs. Coffing, 50; *Evanston*, Y. L. Soc., 40; *Glencoe*, 18.50; *Griggsville*, Aux., 34, W. S. Memorial Band, 15; *Hinsdale*, 9; *Kewanee*, for Marash, 20; *La Grange*, 20; *Lombard*, 12; *Mendon*, Y. L. Soc., for The Bridge, 10; *Olney*, 5; *Rockford*, Seminary, 20, Washington Heights, friends, 18; *Wilmette*, 16.83; *Winnetka*, 21.50; *Woodstock*, 2.83; *Wythe*, for native teacher in Turkey, 17.60, \$858 59

Total, \$4,790 77

#### WISCONSIN.

WISCONSIN BRANCH.—Mrs. R. Coburn, of Whitewater, Treas. *Bloomington*, 2.30; *Clinton*, thank-offering, 35; *Columbus*, 15; *Delavan*, 3.10; *Eau Claire*, 15; *Evansville*, 20; *Emerald Grove*, 5; *Ft. Atkinson*, 8; *Genesee*, 15.25; *Grand Rapids*, 2.75; *Koshkonong*, 8.12; *Menasha*, 51.14; *Milwaukee*, Grand Ave., 25; *Madison*, Young Women's Miss'y Soc., 75; *New Lisbon*, for The Bridge, 5; *Oconomowoc*, 25, Cheerful Workers, 25; *Platteville*, 1.15; *Plymouth*, 1.50; *Raymond*, 4; *Racine*, Pansy Soc., 3; *Ripon*, 30; *Sharon*, 10; *Trempealeau*, 11; *Waukesha*, 46.53; *Waterton*, 45; *Whitewater*, 11.25; Wisconsin, at large, 87 cts. Branch total 500 96  
*Alma Center*, thank-offering, 1.50; *Baraboo*, thank-offering, 2; *Janesville*, 50; *Kenosha*, 29.70; *Ripon*, Mrs. A. H. Sherwood, 100; A Friend, for home expenses, 5, 188 20

BRANCH.—*Cooksville*, 1.25; *Delavan*, 21, Friendship, 2; *La Crosse*, 22.25; *Racine*, K. Y. D., 18.10; *Ripon*, 10; *Rosendale*, 20; *Springvale*, 15; *Union Grove*, 10; *Windsor*, 50; *Whitewater*,



1.50; *Evansville*, 1.50; *New Richmond*, 11.50; *Ripon*, College, 4.25; *Waukesha*, 5.58; *Prescott*, Y. L. Soc., for The Bridge, 17; *Waunetosa*, 2.50; *Racine*, for Manisa, 41. Less expenses, 15.25. Branch total, 249 35

Total, \$938 51

IOWA.

IOWA BRANCH.—Mrs. E. R. Potter, of Grinnell, Treas. *Ames*, of wh. 10 is special thank-offering, 25; *Anamosa*, 40; *Bell Plain*, for Bridgman Sch., 5; *Cedar Rapids*, for Hadjin Home, 24; *Chester Center*, with prev. to const. L. M. Mrs. Thos. Fuller, 17; *Corning*, of wh. 4 25 is special thank-offering, 10; *Creseo*, Aux., 11.80, Willing Workers, for The Bridge, 5.50; *Davenport*, for Miss Day, 37.95, thank-offering, 3.25, Sunbeams, for Morning Star, 4.35; *Des Moines*, Plymouth Ch., Aux., for Miss Hillis, 45, Plymouth Rock Soc., for The Bridge, 50.21, S. S., for Bridgman Sch., 9.93; *Farragut*, 16; *Glenwood*, thank-offering, 5, for Bible-woman in Tillipally, 25; *Grinnell*, Aux., for Miss Hillis, 16, Busy Bees, for The Bridge, 30, Boys' Miss. Circle, for Morning Star, 1.70, Ladies' Miss. Circle of Iowa College, thank-offering, 8.20, Garden Prairie, for Miss Hillis, 21.14; *Gilman*, 6.32; *Iowa City*, for Miss Day, 25, Busy Ring, for The Bridge, 25, Little Gleaners, for Morning Star, 10, Mrs. J. L. Pickard, to const. L. M. Mrs. Ellen G. Cross of Saratoga, Cal. 25; *Kelly*, for Miss Hillis, 6; *Logan*, 7; *Lansing*, for Bible-woman in Samokov, 10; *Lynons*, for Miss Day, 28; *Marion*, Mrs. I. R. Hervey, 24.50; *Manchester*, Rainbow Miss. Band, for Morning Star, 10; *Miles*, 14; *McGregor*, Aux., 11 69, Young Ladies' M. B., for The Bridge, 14.14, Daisy Club, for Morning Star, 5; *Marion*, 11; *Montour*, for Bridgman Sch., 13.80; *Monona*, for Bible-woman in Samokov, 10.30; *Magnolia*, 3; *New Hampton*, for Hadjin Home, 4.80; *Ottumwa*, Aux., 63, S. S., for Marsh, 2.25; *Oden*, 12; *Prairie City*, Mrs. Chapman, 1; *Postville*, for Bible-woman in Samokov, 3.25; *Quaquston*, 3.76; *Reinbeck*, Cheerful Giv-

ers, 6.56; *Tabor*, 15; *Traer*, for Bridgman Sch., 28.14; *Woodbine*, Willett, Aux., for Miss Hillis, 6; *Waterloo*, 13; *Waverly*, to const. L. M. Miss Louese M. Riggs, 25; *Waucoma*, for Bible-woman in Samokov, 6.34; *Webster*, for Miss Day, 9.50, Branch total, \$871 38.

*Clinton*, for Miss Day, 20.00; *Durant*, 1; *Fairfield*, 16.27; *Keokuk*, A Friend, 5; *Keosauqua*, 25.51; *Sabula*, for Miss Day, 3. *Thank-offerings*.—*Anamosa*, 5; *Big Rock*, 5; *Cass*, 5; *Chester*, 1; *Clinton*, 6.50; *Green Mountain*, 5, *Marshall*, Rev. Mr. Towle, 5,

103 28

Total, \$974 66

MINNESOTA.

MINNESOTA BRANCH.—Mrs. E. M. Williams, of Northfield, Acting Treas. *Alexandria*, Mrs. Jewell, 5, S. S., for Morning Star, 3; *Cottage Grove*, of wh. 25 for L. M. Rev. W. E. Archibald, 26.50; *Fairmont*, 3; *Glencoe*, 5.50, S. S., for Morning Star, 2.25; *Glyndon*, for Miss Cathcart, 14.25; *Hancock*, Y. L. Soc., for The Bridge, 2.50; *Lake City*, for Miss Cathcart, 13.09; *Lakeland*, 4; *Marshall*, for Miss Brown, 12.50; *Mazeppa*, 5; *Medford*, 2; *Minneapolis*, Como Ave. Ch., S. S., for Morning Star, 2, *Mayflower* Ch., True Blues, for Morning Star, 1, *Pilgrim* Ch., Aux., of wh. 14.55 for Miss Cathcart, and 7 for a thank-offering, 29.22, *Plymouth* Ch., Aux., of wh. 75 for Miss Barrows, 150, S. S., for Morning Star, 50, Cheerful Givers, for same, 12, Y. L. Soc., for The Bridge, 25, 2d Ch., for Miss Barrows, 5.31; *Monticello*, 10; *Northfield*, for Miss Brown, 34 20; *Owatonna*, Merry Hearts, for Marsh College, 25.50; *Plainview*, 7.75; *Rochester*, to comp. L. M. for Mrs. H. O. Durkee, 15; *Rushford*, 7, S. S., for Morning Star, 1.50; *St. Charles*, 2.85; *St. Paul*, Park Cong. Ch., 18, *Plymouth* Ch., for Miss Barrows, 48.96; *Sauk Centre*, for Miss Cathcart, 14.65, thank-offering, 8.55; *Wabasha*, for Miss Cathcart, 17; *Winona*, for Morning Star, 60.20. Branch total, \$644 28

<i>Duluth</i> , Aux., 11, A Friend, for Kbbe Home, 100; <i>Glyndon</i> , thank-offering, 3.25; <i>Clinton</i> , thank-offering, 60 cts.; <i>Minneapolis</i> , union meeting, thank-offering, \$32.79,	\$147 64
Total,	\$791 92

## MISSOURI.

MISSOURI BRANCH.—Mrs. J. H. Drew, 3101 Washington Ave., St. Louis, Treas. <i>Amity</i> , 26.15, of wh. 25 is to const. Miss Mary H. Field L. M., thank-offering, 1.85, Busy Bees, of Bevier, 11, for Morning Star, 40 cts.; <i>Cameron</i> , 18; <i>Hannibal</i> , 7.75, for Miss Tucker; <i>Kingston</i> , 2; <i>Lathrop</i> , 6.35, for Miss Tucker; <i>Neosho</i> , 18.70; <i>St. Joseph</i> , 10.70; <i>Springfield</i> , Ladies' Soc., 18.40; thank-offering, 9, King's Messengers, 51; <i>St. Louis</i> , 1st Cong. Ch., 1, Pilgrim Ch., 350, Y. L. Soc., 50, thank-offering, 29.50; <i>Webster Groves</i> , for Miss Tucker, 55; <i>Lathrop</i> , 6.35.	
Branch total,	\$358 05
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## KANSAS.

KANSAS BRANCH.— <i>Madura</i> , 8.73; <i>McPherson</i> , 9; <i>Paola</i> , 25 cts.; <i>Sterling</i> , Aux., 10, Mission Band, 5; <i>Waubunsee</i> , 5; <i>Wyandotte</i> , 20. Total for Miss Wright, 58.98; <i>Centralia</i> , 1; <i>Wyandotte</i> , 12.30; Total for Young Ladies' work, 13.30—unapplied; <i>Appanoose</i> , 1 50; <i>Arvonia</i> , 4.55; <i>Atchison</i> , 13; <i>Hiawatha</i> , 5; <i>Leavenworth</i> , thank-offering, 17.75; <i>Manhattan</i> , 38; <i>Ottawa</i> , 25; <i>Ridgway</i> , 1; <i>Topeka</i> , J. S. D., 5; <i>Salina</i> , C. P., 2; <i>Valley Brook</i> , 1; <i>Waubunsee</i> , 10. Branch total,	
	\$195 08
<i>Clay Center</i> , A Friend,	25 00
Total,	\$220 08

## NEBRASKA.

BRANCH.—Mrs. Geo. W. Hall, of Omaha, Treas. <i>Irrington</i> , Aux., 15, thank-offering, 4; <i>West Point</i> , Willing Workers, thank-offering, 1.60; <i>Plymouth</i> , thank-offering, 5; Aux., 2.50; <i>Crete</i> , 25; <i>Ashland</i> , 17; <i>Hastings</i> , 10; <i>Lincoln</i> , 50; <i>Camp Creek</i> , Aux., 5, Willing Hands, 6.40, Anonymous, 3; <i>Grafton</i> , Aux., 2.50, Useful Band, 2.50; <i>Nebraska City</i> , 11.05; <i>Franklin</i> , Aux., 8, Chil-	
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dren's Band, 3; <i>Omaha</i> , St. Mary's Ave. Soc., 25, thank-offering, 2.50; <i>Blair</i> , Beehive, for Morning Star, 5; <i>Weeping Water</i> , 10; <i>Red Cloud</i> , 5; <i>Omaha</i> , 1st Ch., Aux., 66.15; <i>Exeter</i> , Aux., 25, Chh., 8.20, Children's Band, 5. Branch total,	\$324 40
<i>Hastings</i> , 20; <i>Plymouth</i> , S. S., for Morning Star, 1; <i>Wisner</i> , thank-offering, 1,	22 00
Total,	\$346 40

## DAKOTA.

Clark, Mrs. A. H. Robbins, 5; <i>Etter</i> , Douglas Soc., 3.25; <i>Harwood</i> , 7; <i>Mandan</i> , 11.30; <i>Mitchell</i> , The Family Band, 5; <i>Sioux Falls</i> , 75; thank-offering, 5.65; <i>Vermillion</i> , 5.55; <i>Yankton</i> , 121,	
	\$238 75
Total,	\$238 75

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN BRANCH.

BRANCH.— <i>Boulder</i> , 26; <i>Manitou</i> , 18.17; <i>Longmont</i> , 12; <i>West Denver</i> , 20; <i>Silverton</i> , 20; <i>Cheyenne</i> , 29.65; <i>Greeley</i> , 9; -- all the above for Miss Brooks. For Morning Star, <i>West Denver</i> , S. S., 1.85, Birthday-Bank, 3.76; <i>Cheyenne</i> , S. S., 15. Thank-offerings. — <i>Colorado Springs</i> , Aux., 14.70, Y. P., 6.65; <i>Pike's Peak</i> , Mission Band, 5.65; for L. M., <i>Cheyenne</i> , 25; add'l, 6.36. Branch total,	
	\$213 79
<i>Denver</i> , S. S., for Morning Star, 20; <i>Manitou</i> , for Miss Brooks, 10.50,	30 50
Total,	\$244 29

## VARIOUS PLACES.

<i>Auburndale</i> , Mass., M. B. H., 10; <i>Memphis</i> , Tenn., 2d Ch, 9.60; <i>Vinita</i> , Ind. Ter., 5; <i>Peking</i> , China, Bridgman Mission Band, sale of articles, 29.35,	
	\$53 95
Total,	\$53 95

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Sale of leaflets, envelopes, etc, 32.15; cash, 1.88; A Friend, 50 cts.,	
	\$34 53
Income from Mission Studies,	536 63
Total,	\$571 16
Total for month,	13,492 24
Previously acknowledged,	32,072 38
Total receipts for the year ending Oct. 22, 1883,	\$45,564 62

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## OUR BIRTHDAY PARTY.

WE celebrated our tenth anniversary by a grand reunion at the old homestead, in Santa Cruz. A morning and an evening session were held, as usual at our anniversaries, in connection with the meetings of the General Association. The morning session was exclusively a ladies' meeting: to the evening session were invited the ministers and the delegates,—any one, in fact, was welcome.

At our morning session fully one hundred and fifty ladies were present: thirty-five out of our fifty auxiliaries were represented, either by delegate or written report. I think we can safely say that our fondest hopes and anticipations with regard to the celebration, were realized. Of course we expected a most delightful time, and we had it. So say San Franciscans and Santa Cruzans. "So say we all of us."

The welcome address of our President, so true, so tender, so spiritual in its tone, gave a felt impulse to both meetings. We gladly give it place just here. You can read it for yourselves. but you will miss much that we enjoyed in hearing it read.

## THE ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

*Dear friends of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific:—*

Ten years have passed since, in this delightful seaside town, in this very room, the life of our society began. The poet has said, "We should count time by heart-throbs." Who, then, can measure the time since a few devoted women here bound themselves, in

blessed fellowship, for missionary work? Their covenant has echoed, from yonder mountains, up and down this regal State—out through the curving canyons to the plains beyond—across the continent, to waken a thrill of responsive joy—far, far out upon the ocean, touching the old continent with new life, and waking the islands of the sea to a sense of kinship with earth and heaven. Heart-throbs! yes, in closets where tired women have prayed for this work so dear to their souls; in quiet rooms where two or three have gathered, humbly, patiently, persistently, to send up the prayer, “Thy kingdom come;” in the hour of silent consecration and self-sacrifice, when the Lord has “sat over against the treasury,” and, with infinite tenderness, has sanctified the widow’s offering; in places where, with anxious thought and prayer, the plans of work have been arranged in ships that were weighing anchor, on which devoted ones were sailing far away to their life-work, with many a longing for the dear homes from which they had gone out, with many a fear at the thought of treading shores where God was not known, yet filled with the ‘peace that passeth all understanding’ and all utterance, as, in their weakness, they went forth strong in the might of God. Heart-throbs! yes, not only here, but where the widening circles of this movement have touched the distant places of the earth, and the name of Jesus has been for the first time uttered by trembling lips; in the hours when our missionaries have stood with bated breath, as they stood during the year that is past, saying, “What hath God wrought!” while under the Spirit’s touch souls fled to the Almighty “as doves to their windows.”

Dear friends, not upon earth only, but in heaven, there is joy in this blessed work. No throb of pain will stir the hearts of our loved ones there forever; but who can measure the joyful sympathy of the pioneers in this line of missionary effort as they look down upon us this morning? “What pain and loss, the bearing of what cross,” would deter them from any Christly service if they were to tread the pathways of earth once more? What is the message that reaches the depth of our souls from them, as we rest by the wayside on this, our natal day? They nerve us for duty and self-sacrifice. Would that our dull ears could hear the triumphant songs of the victors who are now treading the shores of “the crystal sea”! Let us then rejoice together that we have entered upon a life whose pulsations beat strong and full from earth to heaven. A wondrous ladder is let down to our Bethel to-day, over which angels are ascending and descending in rapturous sympathy with our work. With them and with the redeemed in heaven we sing, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace,



good will toward men." Joyfully we welcome each other to this birthday feast; and if we go down from these heights of privilege to a more faithful service, and with a deeper love in our hearts for each other and for God than ever we have known before, it will not have been in vain that we gathered together at this time in a place whose name, "Santa Cruz" (Holy Cross), shall be our watchword in this life and through everlasting ages.

Santa Cruz!  
 With mighty sea-beat,  
 Ages surge upon thy shore:  
 Round Thee rise eternal mountains;  
 In thy light the saved adore.

Santa Cruz!  
 Of suns the centre,  
 Drawing earth and heaven to Thee,  
 Lift us upward, through thy shadow,  
 Till all clouds and darkness flee.

Santa Cruz!  
 "Desire of nations,"  
 Shine upon the vales of night  
 From the holy, sapphire splendor  
 Of thine everlasting light.

Santa Cruz!  
 O joy supernal—  
 Joy the angels long to know!  
 Santa Cruz! oh songs eternal!  
 Unto thee the nations flow.  
 Hallelujah!  
 Holy Cross of Christ, the Lord.

After the reading of the address and devotional exercises, reports from the auxiliaries were listened to with great interest. Twenty-six of our societies were represented by delegates; nine sent written reports; that the others remain faithful, our Treasurer's books alone give evidence.

Scattered throughout a long geographical range of twelve hundred miles, in deserted mining camps, in sparsely settled agricultural regions, in new "railroad towns," no less than in the cities, our societies are found. Each of them must be backed by much energy and life, in order to secure any hearing in this busy Western world. So on the threshold of our second decade we stop a moment, for congratulations; first, because we have lived at all, and, second, because we have lived to accomplish something. This triumphant spirit rang out in notes loud and clear, above all the written and verbal reports of Anniversary morning.

*Berkeley* reports two missionary societies actively at work, besides its Sunday-school, which, organized into one large mission-band, has for years supported Calliope Vastow in our school in Broosa, Turkey. With a pastor who has taught in Robert College, Constantinople, and so realized from personal observation the needs abroad, a people cannot fail to be hearty and enthusiastic in foreign missionary work.

*Tolman Band*, Mills Seminary, has raised \$3,300 in the last ten years for the cause. A Broosa Band has recently been organized there, which has given us \$50 the past year.

*Rio Vista* testifies to a decade of monthly missionary meetings; and good old Grandma Thoburn, who was present, and helped to organize the parent society ten years ago, still remains its first and only President.

*Rocklin* contributes \$8, collected by two little girls; a part of it in the "round-house," from men employed there by the railroad. One of the roughest of them told the children to "go home, or he would set his dog on them!" Nothing daunted, the *minister's* daughter went to him a second time, when he gave her ten cents, and she told him "she would ask him for it every month." Such are some of our contributors. We must pray that the "reflex influence of missions" will touch all such hearts.

*Riverside* reports that they began the year in discouragement, owing to the departure of their efficient President, Mrs. Cross; but their hearts were cheered, later, by the arrival of their new pastor, Rev. G. L. Smith, and his wife, who have entered warmly into the work, and who have spared no effort to add to the interest and profit of the missionary meetings. The Theodora Society is vigorously at work, gathering in both young ladies and gentlemen.

*Prescott*, Arizona, reports a society of twelve members, just organized under most auspicious circumstances. We gladly welcome them into our sisterhood, and wish them much joy, as well as success, in their work.

*Sacramento* reports a larger amount raised than any preceding year, and very pleasant meetings. But they are much saddened at the loss of their President, Mrs. I. E. Dwinell. "She has our warmest love, and may Heaven's choicest blessings be hers! We are sure that wherever she may go, and resume her labors in the Church, the Woman's Board will not be forgotten."

The young people and children have flourishing societies: the one known as the Phi-Alphas, the other the Pi-Kappas (morning lilies).

Reports from other Societies will be given next month.

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